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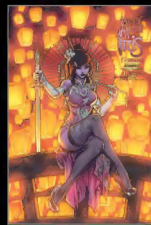
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They are raised from their youth with strict obedience and brutally trained to protect and serve their respective masters with discipline, loyalty and often times violence, if necessary. They are the Executive Assistants.

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IT'S RICH WITH CULTURE, HAS A THRIVING RIVERFRONT AND HAS BEEN A CENTER OF LEARNING FOR CENTURIES.

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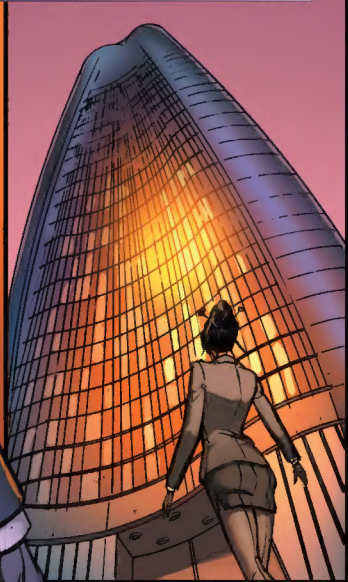
I WAS BORN HERE... I WENT TO SCHOOL HERE... FOR ALMOST HALF MY LIFE I CALLED THIS PLACE HOME.

I SHOULD REMEMBER IT BETTER.




IT'S NOT SURPRISING  
THAT I'VE FORGOTTEN  
SO MUCH.

WHEN YOUR EARLIEST DAYS ARE SPENT IN  
DICKENSIAN ORPHANAGES OR AMONG THE VERMIN  
IN THE DARKEST CORNERS OF THE CITY, THERE'S  
NOTHING WORTH REMEMBERING.



WHEN THE STENCH OF  
MALNUTRITION AND SUFFERING  
PERMEATE EVERYTHING, YOU DON'T  
WONDER WHY THIS IS HAPPENING...  
YOU WONDER WHY YOU'RE  
STILL ALIVE.





WHEN ORPHANS DIE OF  
STARVATION, SICKNESS, OR  
THROUGH VIOLENCE, THE PANGS  
YOU FEEL AREN'T EMPATHY...  
THEY'RE JEALOUSY.

...BECAUSE THEY  
ARE FREE AND YOU  
ARE FORCED TO LIVE  
ANOTHER DAY.

AND THE DAY A STRANGE MAN  
TAKES YOU BY THE HAND AND  
OFFERS YOU FOOD, SHELTER AND  
AN EDUCATION... YOU DON'T  
JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO MAKE  
SOMETHING OF YOURSELF...

YOU SECRETLY HOPE HE HAS  
WICKED INTENTIONS AND YOU  
JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO DIE.

THAT'S WHO I WAS WHEN  
I JOINED THE ACADEMY.  
WITHOUT HOPE OR FEAR.  
I WAS NOTHING.


IT'S WHERE I NEEDED  
TO START...TO BE BUILT UP...  
TO PROPERLY LEARN THIS  
TRADE.

IT'S WHY I LEARNED  
THE VALUE OF HONOR  
AND LOYALTY. IT'S  
WHAT MADE ME AN  
EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT.





RIGHT THIS WAY, MISS IRIS... WITH THE OTHER APPLICANTS.



MISS ANG WILL BE WITH YOU SHORTLY. CAN I GET YOU ANYTHING?

NO, THANK YOU.



THEY WALK OUT DUE TO INTIMIDATION.




THAT'S ONE WAY TO NARROW DOWN THE FIELD... IRIS.











IT SEEMS YOU  
TWO ARE THE LAST  
ONES STANDING. THANK YOU  
BOTH FOR APPLYING FOR THE  
POSITION OF **EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT**.

I'M NOT  
SURE WHAT YOU  
KNOW ABOUT ME,  
BUT I'M--

<YOU'RE MALY ANG...  
OWNER OF ANG COMPOUNDS AND  
ANG COSMETICS AND A MAJOR SHAREHOLDER  
IN SHAO LABORATORIES. ALTHOUGH YOU ARE OF  
CAMBODIAN ORIGIN, YOU'RE A PROTÉGÉ OF THE  
LEGENDARY CHINESE BILLIONAIRE HAN LI SHAO...  
AND YOUR WUHAN-BASED COMPANIES ARE THE  
LARGEST PROVIDERS OF AGRICULTURAL  
CHEMICALS, WORLDWIDE.>\*



\*TRANSLATED  
FROM KHMER.



WELL DONE.  
YOUR ABILITY TO  
GOOGLE SEARCH IS  
IMPRESSIVE. YOUR GRASP  
ON BASIC MANNERS IN THE  
WAY YOU INTERRUPTED  
MS. ANG... MUCH LESS  
IMPRESSIVE.



<AND  
I ALSO SPEAK  
CAMBODIAN.>





AS LONG  
AS WE ARE LISTING  
CREDENTIALS... FULL  
DISCLOSURE:



SNAPDRAGON,  
TOP OF YOUR CLASS OUT  
OF THE NOW DEFUNCT XIANJIANG  
ACADEMY. AN EXPERT MARKSMAN,  
KNOWN FOR YOUR TENACITY AND  
SPOTLESS RECORD... HAVING  
NEVER FAILED AN  
EMPLOYER.



EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT IRIS... ALREADY  
A LEGEND AT 28 YEARS OF  
AGE. RECOGNIZED THE WORLD  
OVER FOR YOUR BEAUTY, YOUR  
STEADINESS UNDER THE MOST  
DIRE SITUATIONS AND FOR  
YOUR UNPARALLELED  
FIGHTING SKILLS...

DON'T  
FORGET HER  
PERFECT RECORD.  
TWO EMPLOYERS...  
TWO DEATHS.

IT APPEARS  
THIS COMPETITION  
IS STARTING TO  
HEAT UP.

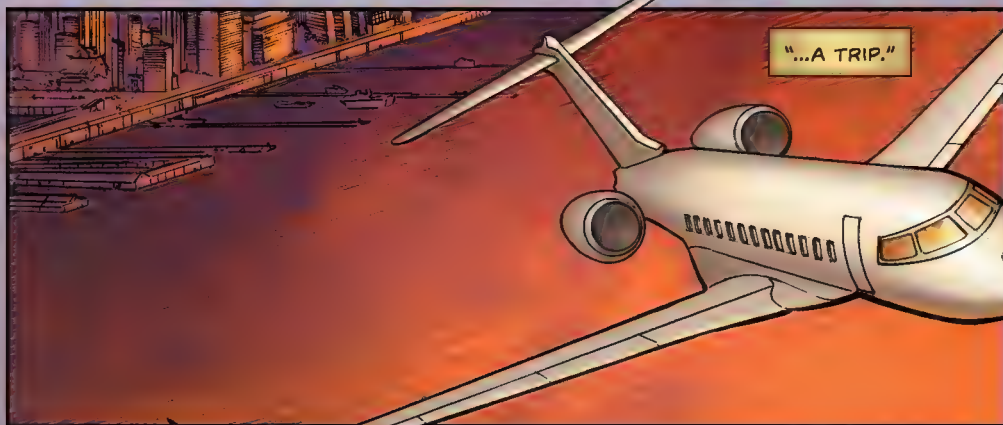


IF IT IS  
TRULY BETWEEN  
"SNAPDRAGON" AND  
I... MIGHT I SUGGEST  
A METHOD OF  
ELIMINATION?

WORKS  
FOR ME.



ACTUALLY,  
I HAVE SOMETHING  
ELSE IN MIND...



"...A TRIP."



SHINJUKU DISTRICT, TOKYO

PURPLE BLOSSOM  
NIGHTCLUB, AFTER HOURS.

I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED  
TAKING DRAGON DOWN A PEG,  
BUT I AM INTRIGUED WITH  
MALY'S HIRING METHOD'S.

I DO ADMIRE HER  
DESIRE TO WITNESS OUR  
WORK FIRST HAND...

...STILL, JETSETTING TO AN  
IMPROMPTU MEETING HAS MADE  
MY CUSTOMARY PREPARATION  
IMPOSSIBLE.

THANK YOU  
FOR TRAVELING OUT  
HERE ON SUCH SHORT  
NOTICE, MISS ANG.

AND JUDGING BY THIS  
COLLECTION OF UNSAVORY  
LOOKING MEN, I HAVE THE  
FEELING THAT SHE WILL GET  
TO WITNESS OUR FULL  
REPERTOIRES.

WHILE MY  
BROTHER AND I  
APPRECIATE THE EYE  
CANDY YOU'VE BROUGHT,  
WE CAN'T HELP BUT  
NOTICE THAT MISTER  
SHAO IS NOT WITH  
YOU.

I UNDERSTAND  
YOUR CONCERN,  
AKINORI... BUT REST  
ASSURED THAT I AM  
QUALIFIED TO SPEAK  
ON BEHALF OF OUR  
INTERESTS.

ARE YOU?  
PERHAPS  
MISTER SHAO  
DOESN'T THINK  
WE ARE MEN  
TO BE TAKEN  
SERIOUSLY.

THESE BROTHERS LOOK  
FAMILIAR... BUT ARE TOO  
YOUNG AND RECKLESS TO BE  
OF CONSEQUENCE. HOLDING A  
HIGH PROFILE MEETING AT A  
NIGHTCLUB? IT'S AN INSULT.

I TOOK  
THIS MEETING OUT OF  
RESPECT TO YOUR LATE  
FATHER. ALL YOU NEED TO  
CONCERN YOURSELF WITH  
IS WHETHER OR NOT I  
TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY.



WORSE, THE OTHERS ARE CONCEALING WEAPONS...  
WHICH MEANS THEY ARE EITHER DISREPUTABLE BUSINESS MEN...

...OR HIRED GUNMEN.

YOU  
DARE INSULT  
US?!

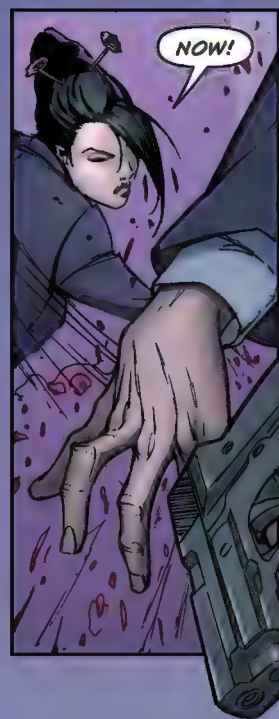
MAYBE  
YOU NEED TO  
BE TAUGHT A  
LESSON!

ENOUGH!

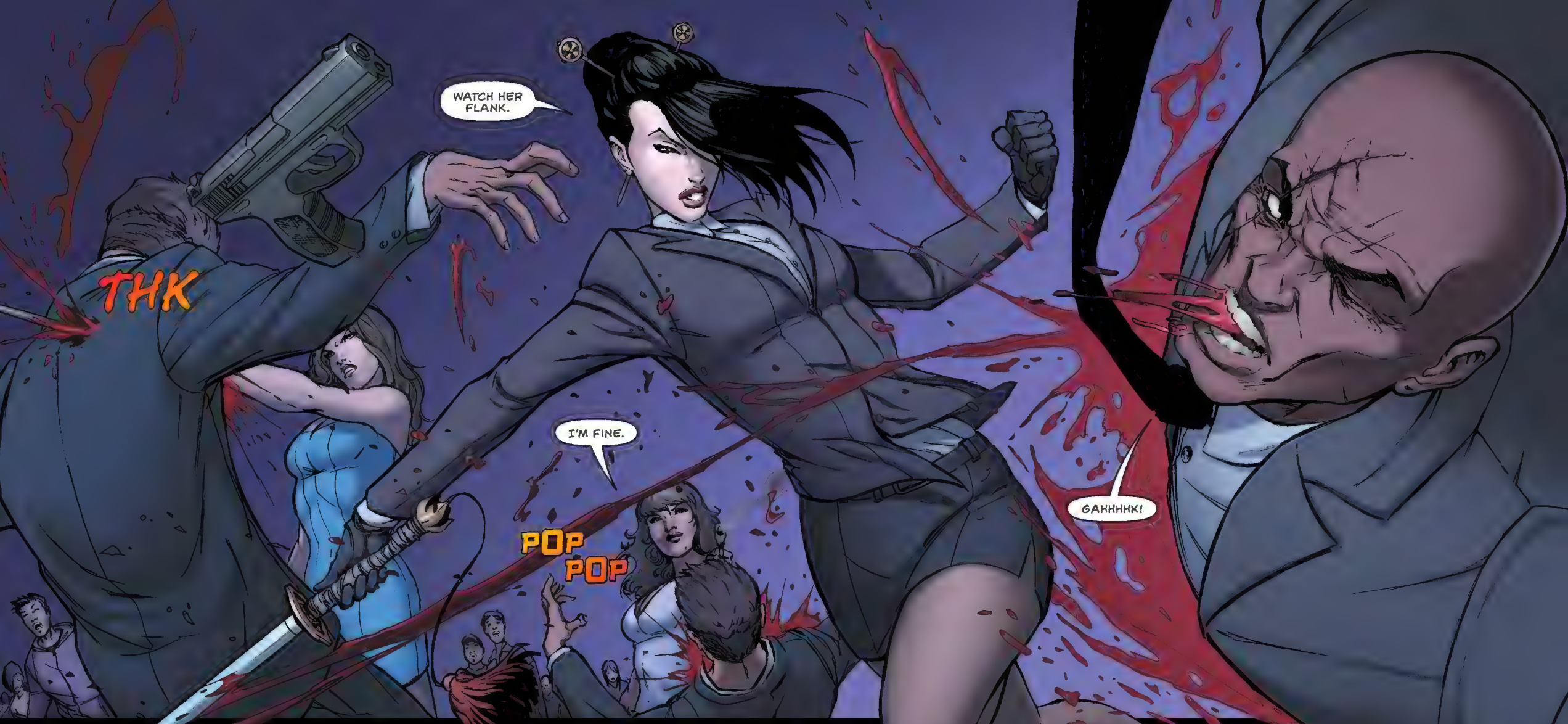
I'M DONE  
INDULGING YOU. SIT  
DOWN AND ACT LIKE  
CIVILIZED BUSINESSMEN  
OR THIS MEETING  
IS OVER.











WATCH HER FLANK.

THK

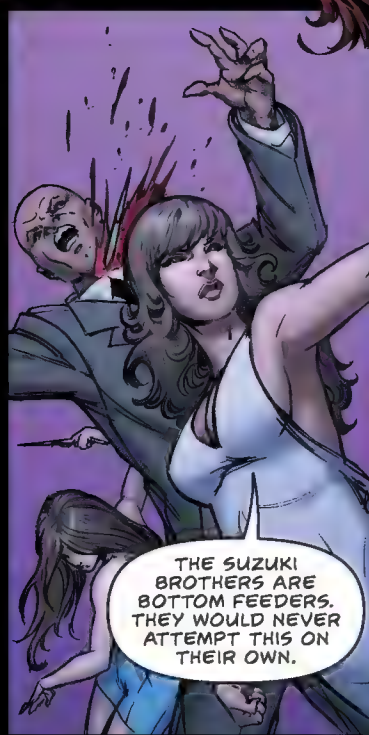
I'M FINE.

POP  
POP

GAHHHK!



THIS WAS CLEARLY A SET UP. THE QUESTION IS, WHY?



THE SUZUKI BROTHERS ARE BOTTOM FEEDERS. THEY WOULD NEVER ATTEMPT THIS ON THEIR OWN.



I AGREE. UNLESS THEY KNEW THAT I KILLED THEIR DUPlicitous FATHER YEARS AGO, AND RECOGNIZED ME.



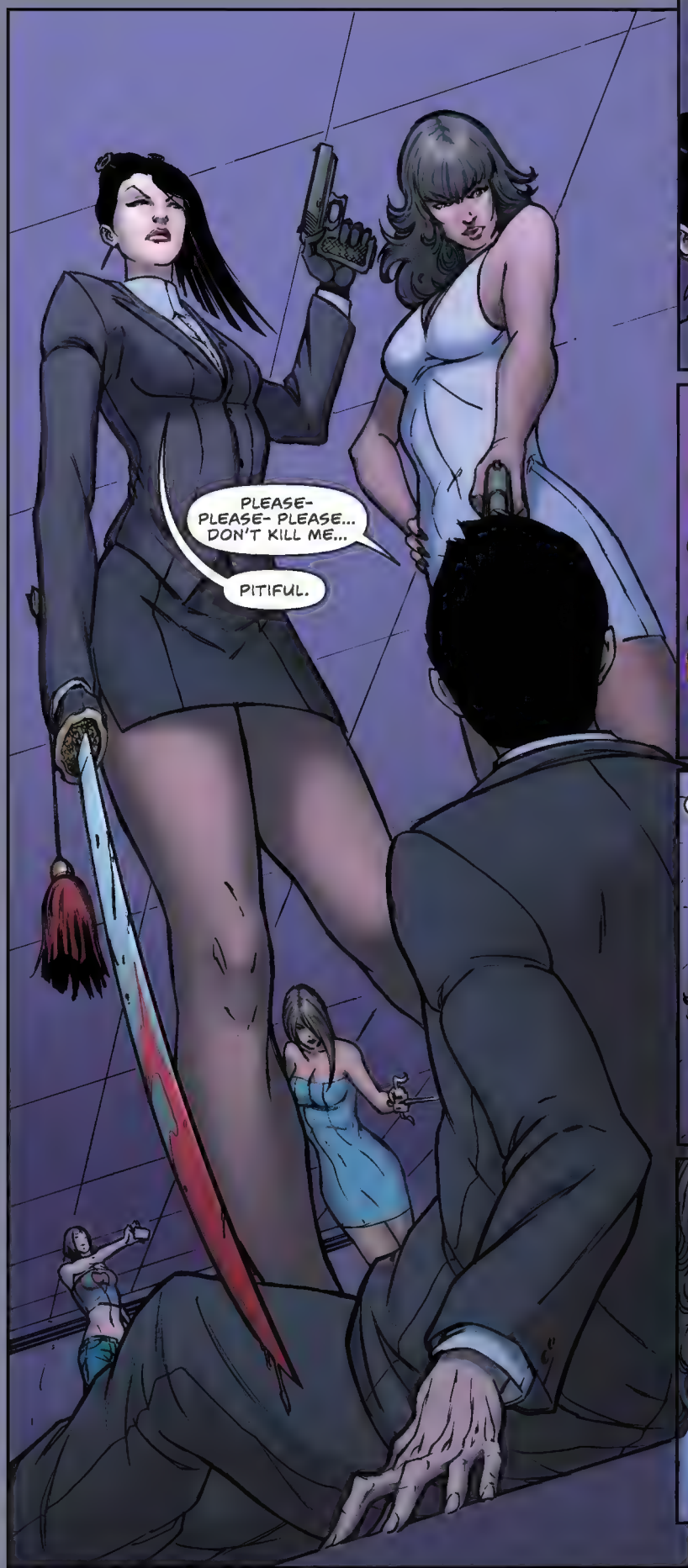
HUH?! YOU... KILLED... FATHER?!

I DID HIM A FAVOR. SAVED HIM THE DISHONOR OF SEEING HIS SON'S COWARDICE.



AWESOME!





PLEASE-  
PLEASE- PLEASE...  
DON'T KILL ME...

PITIFUL.



ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT, MISS  
ANG?



YES.

POP  
POP  
POP



MY GOD!



LEAVE  
NO EVIDENCE  
BEHIND.









YOU  
DARE SHOW  
ME UP?!

I WILL DO MUCH  
MORE THAN THAT,  
SNAPDRAGON!

KILLING  
YOU WILL BE  
ICING ON THE  
CAKE!

KEEP TALKING,  
ORPHAN...

WOOSH-HH-HH

CLUMSY.

ENOUGH!

IS THIS  
HOW YOU  
DO BUSINESS?  
WALTZING INTO  
AMBUSHES...  
AND KILLING  
CIVILIANS?!

I'M NOT A  
MINDLESS ASSASSIN...  
I'M AN EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT.

CONGRATULATIONS,  
DRAGON...



THE WUHAN ACADEMY.

I OWE MY LIFE TO THE  
ACADEMY. NOT THIS ONE...  
BUT ONE LIKE IT.

THEY TOOK ME FROM LESS THAN NOTHING AND BUILT ME  
UP. THEY TAUGHT ME INNUMERABLE SKILLS AND INSTILLED  
VALUES, HONOR AND RESPECT. THEY TRAINED ME HOW  
TO LIVE AS AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.

MY FIRST EMPLOYER, MISTER CHING, WAS A MAN OF MEANS WHO PAID  
HANDSOMELY FOR THE HONOR OF MY SERVICES. HE NEVER TOOK THIS  
LIGHTLY AND HE NEVER TOOK ME FOR GRANTED.

WITH MISTER CHING, I EXPERIENCED A QUALITY OF LIFE THAT FEW EVER  
GLIMPSE. I WAS LAVISHED IN LUXURY AND I TRAVELED THE WORLD. IN MY  
YEARS OF SERVICE, WE FORMED A BOND BUILT UPON THE ONE THING THAT  
DOESN'T COME EASY TO AN ORPHAN FROM THE STREETS. TRUST.

AND THEN HE KILLED  
THE MAN I LOVED AND  
MY WORLD FELL APART.

SINCE THEN I'VE SOUGHT AN EMPLOYER  
THAT I CAN DEVOTE MY LIFE TO. INSTEAD  
I HAVE FOUND ONLY DISHONESTY AND  
BETRAYAL. THIS IS NOT HOW THINGS ARE  
SUPPOSED TO BE.

I LEARNED SO  
MUCH ...EXCEPT  
HOW TO LIVE ON  
MY OWN.

I KNOW  
YOU'RE HERE,  
MALY...

...I HEARD YOUR  
APPROACH.



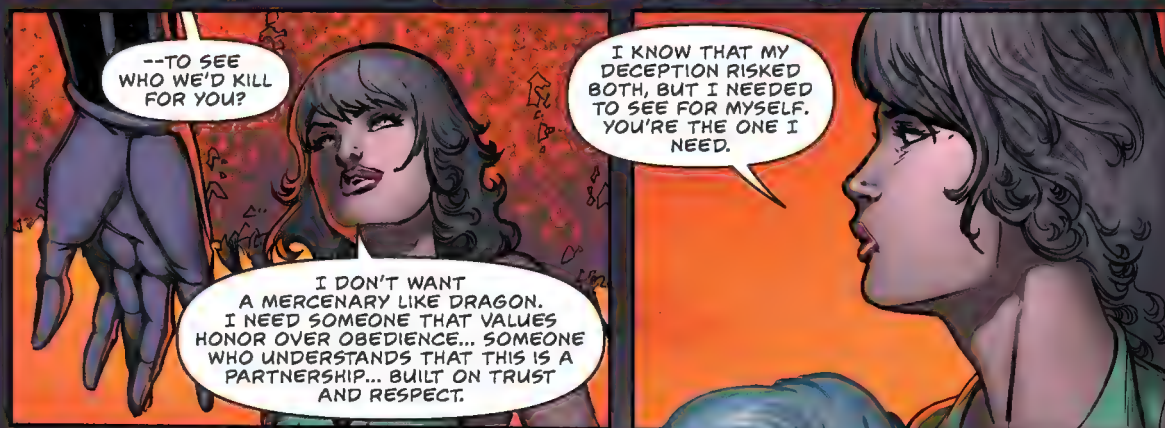


I OWE YOU  
AN APOLOGY,  
IRIS.

FOR NOT  
WARNING ME THAT  
YOU WERE LEADING US  
INTO AN AMBUSH, OR FOR  
ASKING ME TO KILL  
AN INNOCENT?

BOTH. I KNEW  
IT WAS A SET UP WHEN MISTER  
SHAO CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE.  
BUT HONOR DICTATED THAT I  
KEEP MY COMMITMENT.

I SHOULD'VE TOLD  
YOU THE PARAMETERS  
BEFOREHAND. BUT I  
WANTED TO TEST YOU...  
TO SEE HOW YOU'D  
REACT--



--TO SEE  
WHO WE'D KILL  
FOR YOU?

I KNOW THAT MY  
DECEPTION RISKED  
BOTH, BUT I NEEDED  
TO SEE FOR MYSELF.  
YOU'RE THE ONE I  
NEED.

I DON'T WANT  
A MERCENARY LIKE DRAGON.  
I NEED SOMEONE THAT VALUES  
HONOR OVER OBEDIENCE... SOMEONE  
WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS IS A  
PARTNERSHIP... BUILT ON TRUST  
AND RESPECT.



EVEN IF I  
COULD TRUST YOU,  
WHY WOULD I WANT  
TO INVOLVE MYSELF  
WITH YOUR MESSY  
AFFAIRS?

WE BOTH  
KNOW IT WAS  
YOUR MENTOR SHAO  
WHO SET YOU UP.  
THE QUESTION  
IS WHY?



A man in a dark suit and tie is standing on the steps of a ship's open doorway. He is pointing his right index finger towards a small, distant figure in the sky. The background is a fiery orange and red sky with dark debris floating around. In the foreground, a woman with long dark hair and a blue jacket looks up with a concerned expression. To her left, another woman with short brown hair and a green top also looks up. A small, glowing figure is visible in the distance, surrounded by a cloud of smoke or fire.

MALY  
ANG!!! YOU  
TRAITOR!

HAN LI  
SHAO?

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# NEW HONOR

By Brian Buccellato  
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Technically, I'm a new addition to the Aspen creative family. That feels like such a strange thing to say, considering how long I've known these guys. Frank, Peter and I go all the way back to the mid-nineties. I've played mediocre softball and done some seriously inconsistent bowling with them... Vince, Mark, Frank and I have been gymrats and competed on lousy basketball teams together for almost a decade. Poker, parties, holidays, conventions... they've been a major part of my life for so long that it doesn't seem like this is our first dance. But it is, and I'm thrilled and grateful that we finally get to collaborate.

I'm probably even more thrilled that this collaboration is on Executive Assistant: Iris. Why? Because I'm taking the baton from series creator, David Wohl, who I happen to have known for over 25 years. Yeah, I've got history with these fools.

Nostalgia aside, when I was offered the chance to write volume 4, I jumped at the opportunity. Sure, my friendship with the fine folks at Aspen was an added bonus, but the real star of this show was Iris. Let's be real. Her job is awesome, she's a total badass, and she's gone through major adversity in the three previous volumes. In a relatively short time, David and Vince Hernandez (Executive Assistant: Assassins) have managed to put her through the ringer AND craft a fully fleshed out world. So for me, it wasn't about reinventing the world or re-imagining her; it was about using her past to propel her into the future.

That's where this series picks up. Iris has had multiple employers, and asskicked her way to the top of the food chain. She's a living legend and really has no peer. Her life should be on a super high note, but it's not. She's been betrayed too many times and it's taken its toll because lesser men and women have trampled the code of honor she adheres to. She's an executive assistant without an employer worth serving.

Iris is a ronin in search of a cause worth fighting for.

In "Honor Bound", Iris' search for an honorable employer will take her on an unexpected journey that will finally give her life meaning. But it will come in the form of something she least expected.

Needless to say, I'm really proud of this story. Thanks for reading... I hope you stick around for the rest of this ride. It's a doozy.

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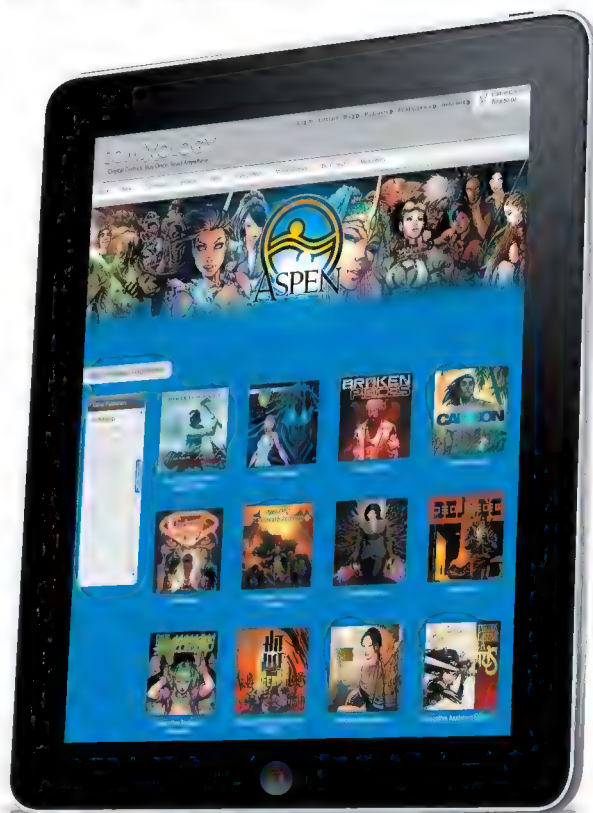
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Iris returned to Wuhan to reclaim some semblance of the honor and loyalty that came with her past life as an Executive Assistant, finding a position available to work for Maly Ang, a powerful businesswoman. The competition for the job came down to her and Snapdragon, a feisty--yet dangerous--adversary, as they defended Maly from her deadly rivals in a Tokyo night club. Yet, Iris decided to remove herself from the fight after the situation became far less honorable than Iris was comfortable with--proving to Maly her worth in the process...

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**M**Y NAME IS IRIS. I AM PART OF AN ELITE SISTERHOOD OF HIGHLY TRAINED PERSONAL BODYGUARDS CALLED EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO I INTERVIEWED WITH MALY LIM, THE WOMAN BESIDE ME, IN HOPES OF FINDING AN EMPLOYER THAT I CAN FINALLY TRUST.

WHERE IS SHE, MALY?!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT--

--DO NOT DISHONOR ME WITH LIES, OR I WILL HAVE MY MEN CUT YOU DOWN WHERE YOU STAND!

**KLICK**

**KLICK**

**KAH-KLICK**

AFTER AN UNORTHODOX INTERVIEW TURNED AMBUSH, I DISCOUNTED HER AS ANOTHER DUPLICIOUS AND POWER HUNGRY MOGUL. BUT MOMENTS AGO, SHE SOUGHT ME OUT AND MADE AN IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR MY SERVICES.

MALY WAS RECENTLY SET UP BY HER MENTOR, HAN LI SHAO-- FOR REASONS THAT ARE PRESENTLY UNCLEAR TO ME. HOWEVER...

...SINCE SHAO AND HIS CADRE OF ARMED MERCENARIES HAVE JUST SURROUNDED US, I ASSUME WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT.



SHAO IS ONE OF THE TWO OR THREE RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL MEN IN THE WORLD. HIS REPUTATION DOESN'T JUST PRECEDE HIM, IT MAKES THE GROUND TREMBLE.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM SAYS THAT SHAO IS NOT SOMEONE YOU WANT AS AN ENEMY.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM BE DAMNED.



I DON'T LIKE GUNS POINTED IN MY FACE!


IRIS, NO!





YOUR STANDING AMONG  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS IS  
WITHOUT PEER.

THEN YOU  
SHOULD HAVE NO  
PROBLEM INSTRUCTING  
THEM TO STAND DOWN,  
MISTER SHAO... UNLESS  
YOU THINK THEY CAN  
FIRE BEFORE I OPEN  
YOUR THROAT.




PLEASE,  
SHAO HAS A KNACK  
FOR CHEAP THEATRICS...  
THIS STANDOFF ISN'T  
NECESSARY.




WATCH  
YOUR TONGUE,  
MALY!

WATCH  
YOURS WHEN YOU  
ADDRESS HER.



I'M NOT  
SOMEONE YOU  
WANT AS AN ENEMY,  
IRIS. I'M SURE YOUR  
FIRST EMPLOYER  
CHING, TAUGHT  
YOU AS MUCH.

INVOKE HIS  
NAME AGAIN AND  
YOU WILL MAKE YOUR  
NEXT ENEMY IN THE  
AFTERWORLD.



THEN  
WE UNDERSTAND  
EACH OTHER.



STAND DOWN.





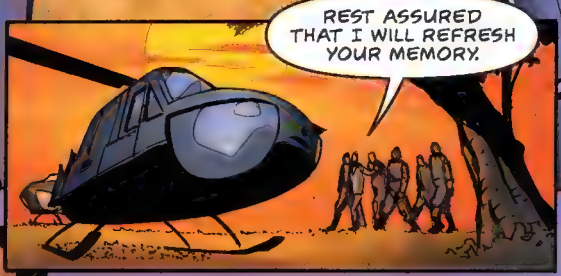




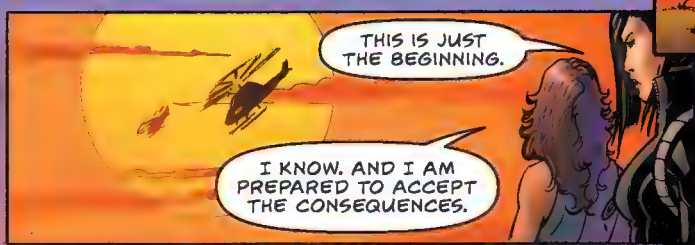
YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRY.

BUT SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK THEY ARE GOING TO LET YOU FLY OUT OF HERE WITH ONE OF THEIR SISTERS.

YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR PLACE, MALY.



REST ASSURED THAT I WILL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY.




THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

I KNOW, AND I AM PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES.



WHY?





BECAUSE  
SHE'S MY  
DAUGHTER,  
TOO.

"MY HISTORY WITH  
HAN LI SHAO GOES BACK  
TWENTY YEARS. BORN FROM  
NOBILITY, HE WAS A YOUNG AND  
FEARLESS BUSINESSMAN WHO  
CARRIED THE AURA OF  
GREATNESS.

"I BEGAN WORKING FOR  
HIM RIGHT OUT OF SCHOOL. A  
YOUNG, WIDE-EYED TEEN WITH  
SO MUCH TO LEARN IN LIFE.

"I TRAVELED THE WORLD  
WITH SHAO AND SAW SO MANY  
THINGS. I SAW A MAN BUILD A  
GLOBAL EMPIRE AND BECOME  
ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL  
MEN IN THE WORLD.

"IT WAS INTOXICATING.

"NATURALLY, WE FELL  
FOR EACH OTHER. BUT IT  
WAS NO PASSING FLING, IT  
WAS LOVE THAT ENDURED  
FOR YEARS.

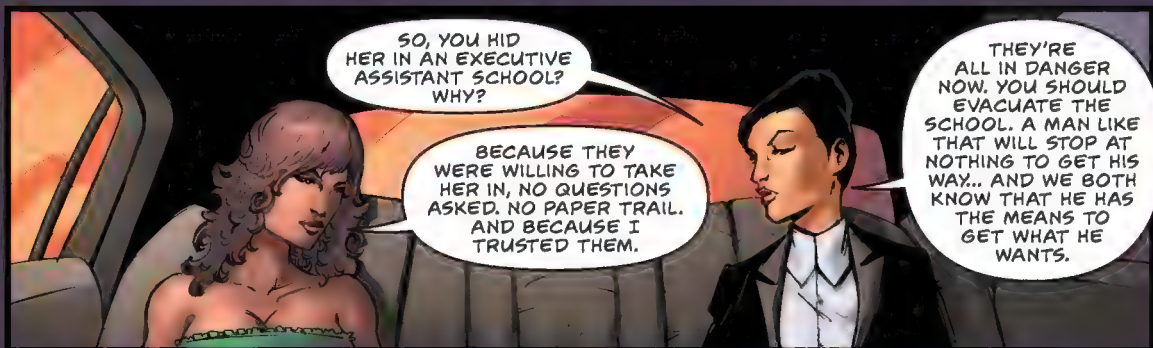
"BUT BECAUSE OF HIS  
NOBILITY AND MY COMMON  
LINEAGE, MARRIAGE WAS  
NOT POSSIBLE.

"OUR RELATIONSHIP  
WAS A TICKING CLOCK.  
AND EVEN AFTER HE  
MARRIED A WOMAN OF  
HIS PEDIGREE, WE  
HELD ON.

"THE CLOCK  
STRUCK MIDNIGHT ON THE  
DAY I DISCOVERED I  
WAS PREGNANT.

"HIS WIFE HAD GIVEN BIRTH TO ONLY  
DAUGHTERS... IF IT HAD BEEN A BOY, PERHAPS  
THE CHILD WOULD'VE HAD A CHANCE... BUT IT  
WAS A GIRL, AND AN ILLEGITIMATE DAUGHTER  
WAS WORTHLESS TO HIM."





SO, YOU HID HER IN AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT SCHOOL? WHY?

BECAUSE THEY WERE WILLING TO TAKE HER IN, NO QUESTIONS ASKED. NO PAPER TRAIL. AND BECAUSE I TRUSTED THEM.

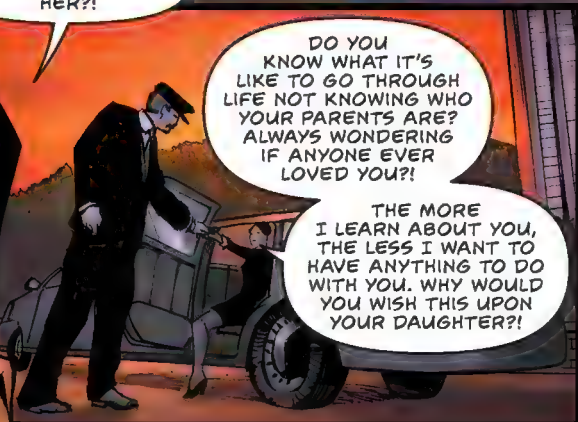
THEY'RE ALL IN DANGER NOW. YOU SHOULD EVACUATE THE SCHOOL. A MAN LIKE THAT WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO GET HIS WAY... AND WE BOTH KNOW THAT HE HAS THE MEANS TO GET WHAT HE WANTS.

SHAO IS MY MASTER. HE MADE MY SUCCESSES POSSIBLE... I'M HONOR BOUND NOT TO INTERFERE. IT'S PRECISELY FOR THIS REASON THAT I STAYED AWAY ALL THESE YEARS.



SO... YOU'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN HER?!

NO.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO GO THROUGH LIFE NOT KNOWING WHO YOUR PARENTS ARE? ALWAYS WONDERING IF ANYONE EVER LOVED YOU?!

THE MORE I LEARN ABOUT YOU, THE LESS I WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU. WHY WOULD YOU WISH THIS UPON YOUR DAUGHTER?!



IS SHE SAFE?

IT'S WHERE I KNEW I COULD KEEP HER SAFE.

I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS JOB. I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO SIGN THIS CONTRACT NOW... BUT WILL YOU AT LEAST THINK ABOUT IT BEFORE YOU SAY NO?





IRIS' WATERFRONT CONDO.

I'M SURPRISED YOU CALLED.

THERE'S A CLEAN GLASS ON THE TABLE, AGENT.

THIS IS ABOUT MALY LIM, ISN'T IT? DID YOU ACCEPT THE JOB?

DOUBLE-DEALING IS MY BUSINESS, SO I MAY NOT BE THE ONE TO ASK... BUT I DON'T KNOW IF SUCH A JOB EXISTS, IRIS. TRUST? YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT EVERYONE HAS A PRICE.

NOT YET.

WHICH MEANS THERE ARE MAJOR RED FLAGS.

SO WHY ARE YOU EVEN DEBATING THIS? YOU CAN HAVE VIRTUALLY ANY ASSISTANT JOB YOU WANT.

THE GIRL. IF I DO NOTHING, THEN SHE WILL DIE.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOB OR A CAUSE?

I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE I CAN BELIEVE IN. OR AT LEAST SOME THING. IS THAT TOO MUCH TO HOPE FOR?

I DON'T. AND IF THIS IS TRUE FOR ME, THEN I SHOULDN'T EXPECT LESS.

IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE MALY ISN'T THAT PERSON. BUT IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SETTLE FOR A CAUSE, CONSIDER THIS-- THAT GIRL IS YOU, FIFTEEN YEARS AGO... AND HER LIFE IS IN DANGER.



THE SHAO-ANG  
GREEN TOWER.

THEY'RE  
ALREADY ON  
THEIR WAY.

HOW MANY?

A COUPLE  
DOZEN.

IS THERE  
ANY WAY THEY  
FOUND OUT HER  
IDENTITY?

NOT POSSIBLE.

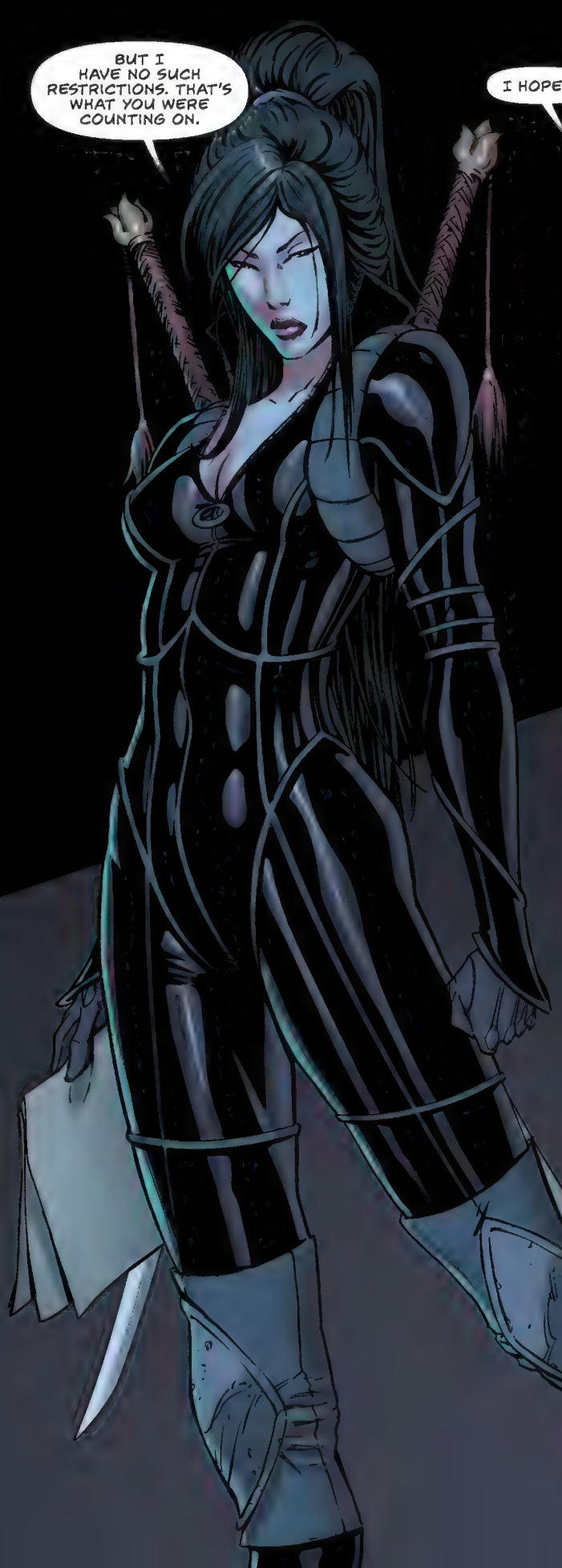
THEN SHAO  
HAS TWO CHOICES...  
DNA TESTING OR BURN  
THE WHOLE PLACE  
DOWN.

THERE WOULD  
BE TOO MANY QUESTIONS IF  
HE TORCHED THE SCHOOL.  
IT WILL BE QUIET.

AND WHAT  
ARE YOU GOING  
TO DO?

I AM BOUND  
BY HONOR TO DO  
NOTHING.





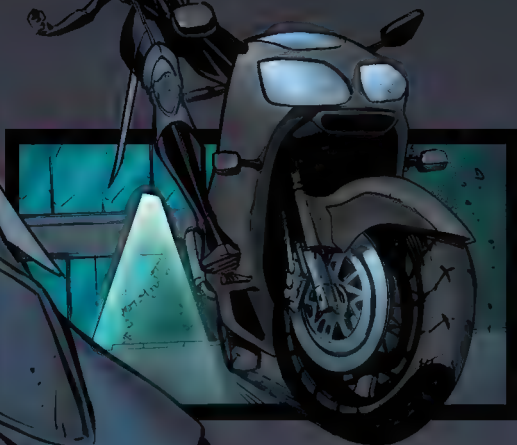
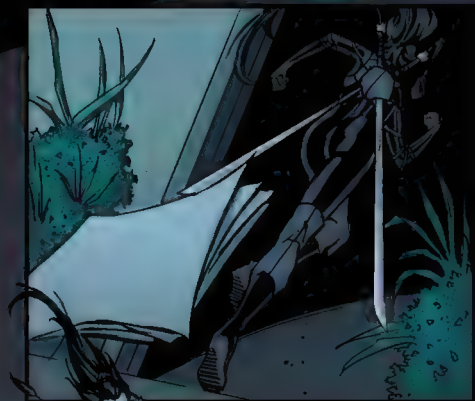
BUT I  
HAVE NO SUCH  
RESTRICTIONS. THAT'S  
WHAT YOU WERE  
COUNTING ON.

I HOPED.

IF YOU DON'T  
KNOW HER NAME, HOW  
AM I SUPPOSED TO  
FIND HER?

ALL I HAVE  
ARE PICTURES...  
THIS ONE IS A FEW  
YEARS OLD.

I'LL  
GET HER TO  
SAFETY.



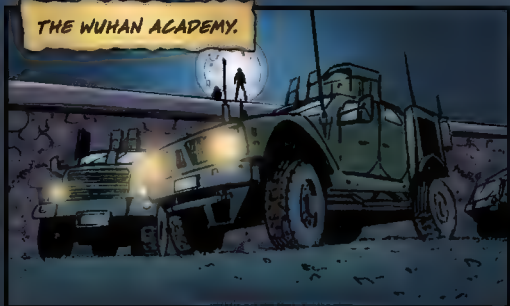


MALY PLANNED TO PLAY ON  
MY SYMPATHIES ALL ALONG.  
SHE ASSUMED I WOULD SEE  
MYSELF IN THAT GIRL...

SHE ASSUMED THAT I WOULD  
TAKE UP HER CAUSE TO SAVE AN  
INNOCENT YOUNG GIRL...



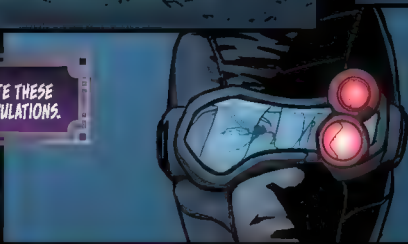
THE WUHAN ACADEMY.



SHE WAS RIGHT.



I HATE THESE  
MANIPULATIONS.



I WILL DEAL WITH MALY'S  
DECEIT LATER...

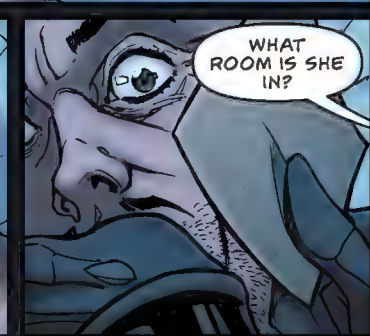
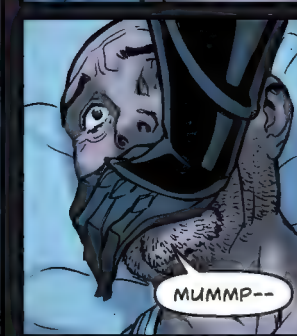
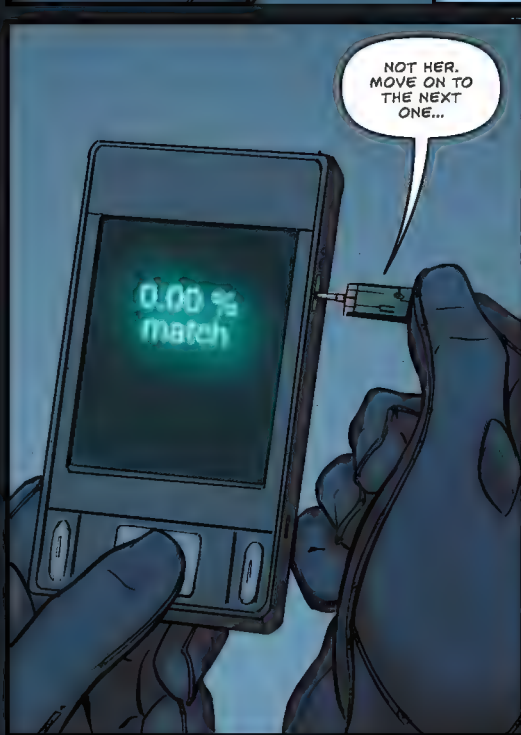




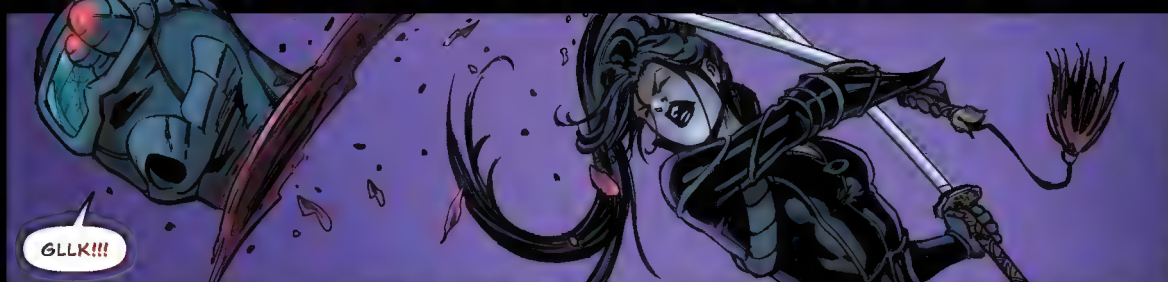
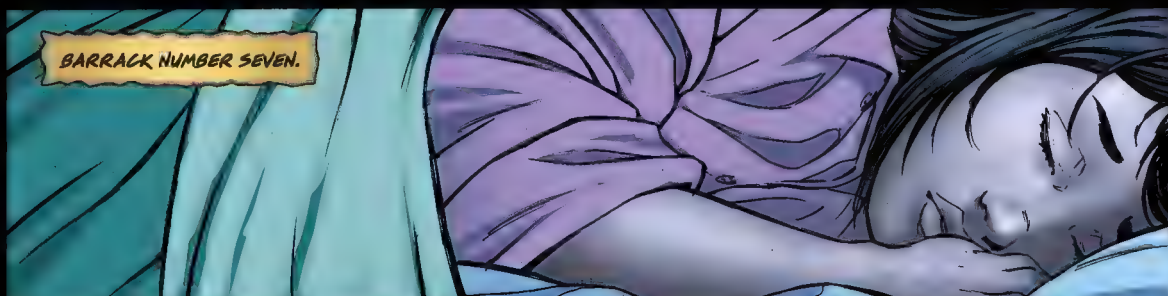
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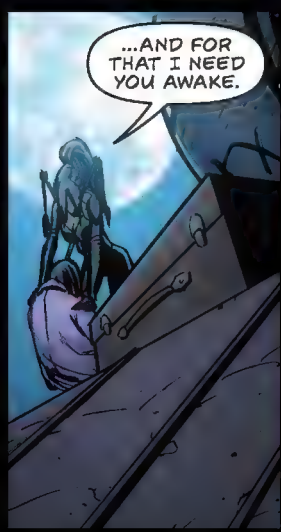










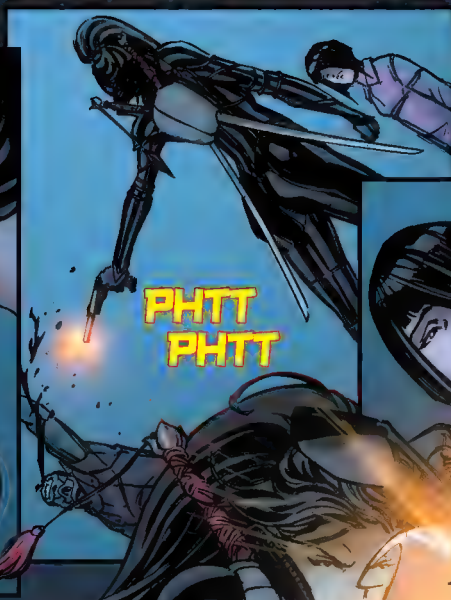






I...  
I KNOW YOU...  
YOU'RE--

--LISTEN  
TO ME. THERE  
ARE MEN HERE  
TO KILL YOU. WE  
NEED TO--



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PHTT

WE  
NEED TO  
GO!

WHY ME?!

LATER.  
RIGHT NOW  
I NEED YOU  
TO...



...HOLD ON!!!







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KAH-THUNK

POP  
POP  
POP

THAT WAS  
CLOSE!

"I'M SORRY, MISTER  
SHAO. THERE IS NO  
EXCUSE FOR THEIR  
FAILURE..."



THE HOME OF  
HAN LI SHAO.

THEY WERE A  
TOP-FLIGHT TEAM OF  
MY CHOOSING. I ACCEPT  
FULL RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THIS.

YOUR MISTAKE  
WAS NOT ACCOUNTING  
FOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
IRIS. HER PROWESS DWARFS  
EVEN HER LEGENDARY  
REPUTATION.

WE'VE  
ALREADY PUT A  
BOUNTY ON HER AS  
YOU REQUESTED.  
TEN MILLION  
DOLLARS.

WHEN SHE  
IS FOUND, THEY  
WILL FIND YOUR  
DAUGHTER.

EXCUSE  
ME, SIR. I  
HAVE YOUR  
GUEST...

...EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT:  
**SNAPDRAGON.**

MISTER SHAO,  
I'LL TAKE YOUR  
TEN MILLION.

TO BE  
CONTINUED...  
ALL NEW EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT: IRIS #3



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ASSISTANT**

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FOR  
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**DON'T MISS  
THE NEXT  
THRILLING  
ISSUE!**

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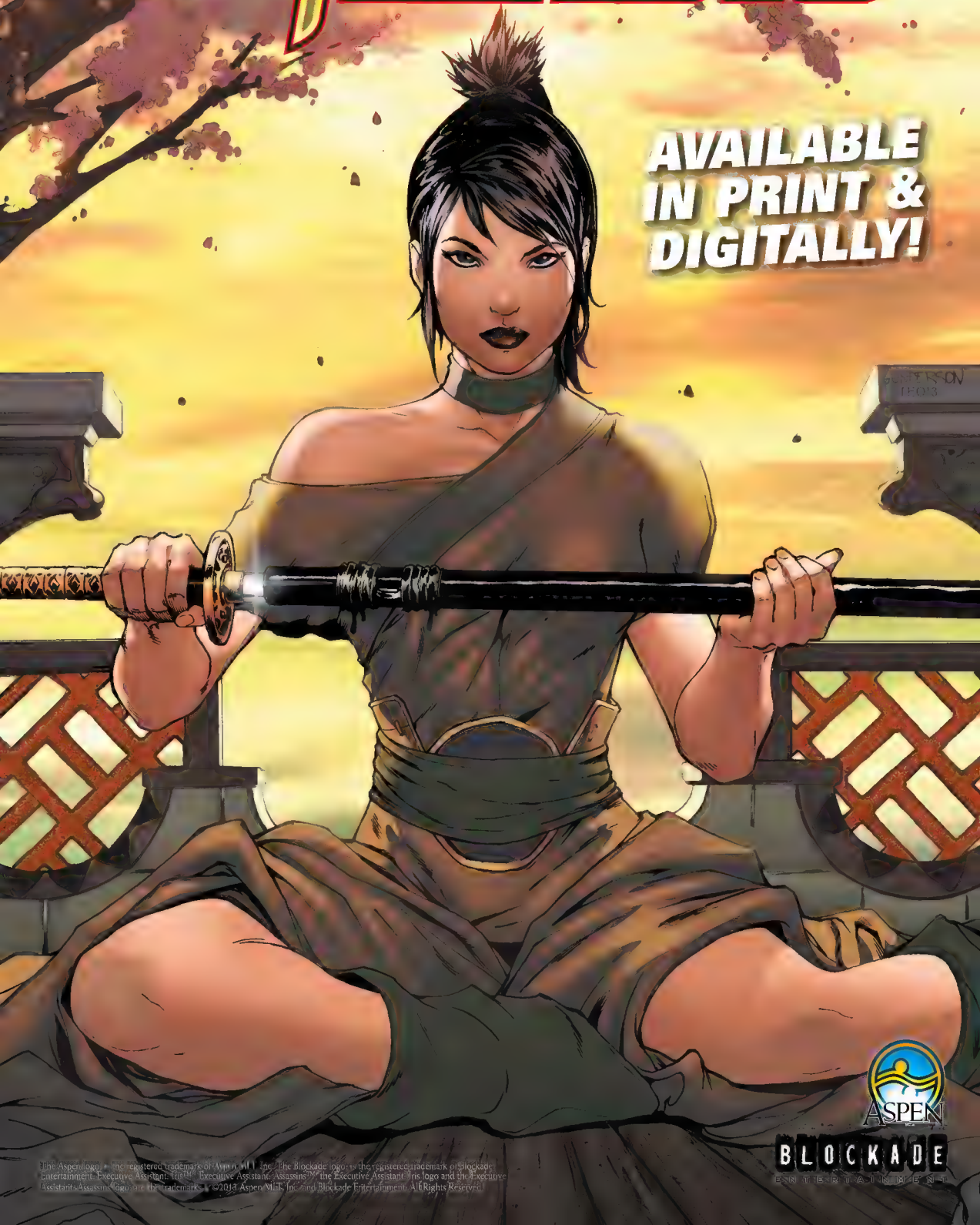
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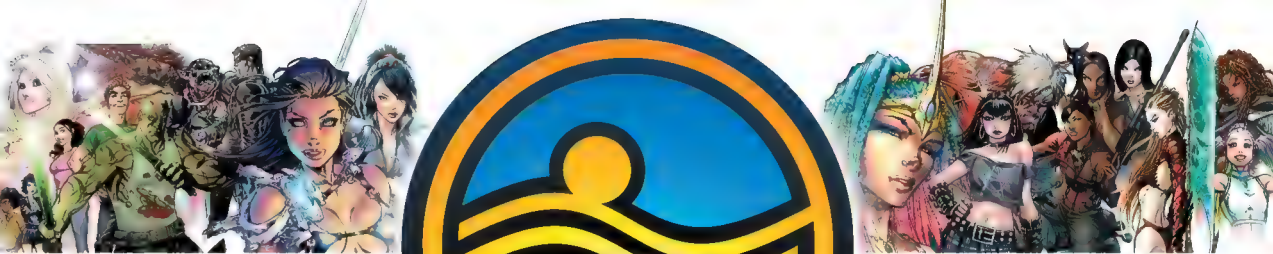
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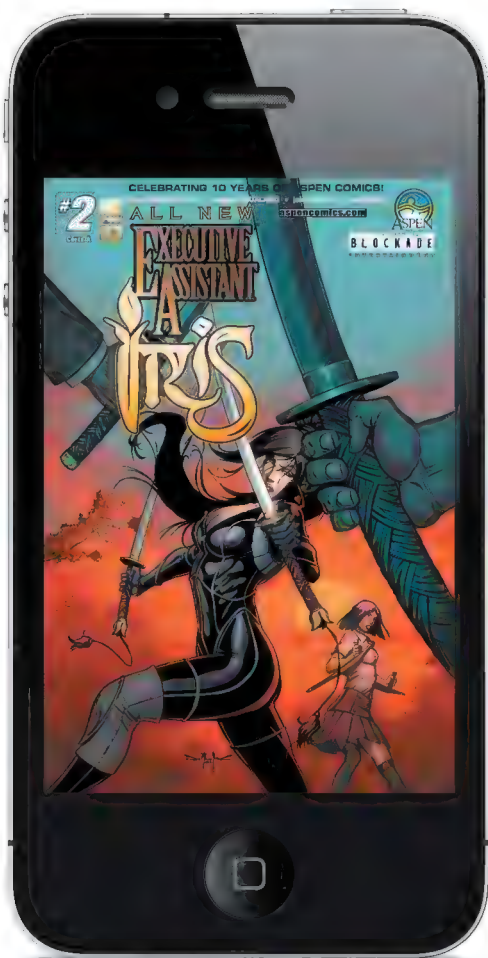
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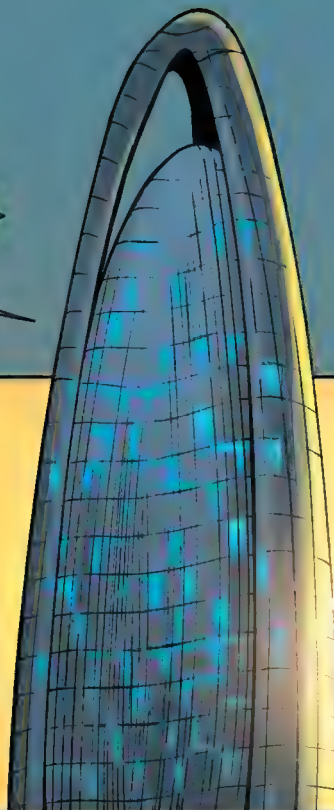
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THE SHAO-ANG  
GREEN TOWER.  
WUHAN, CHINA.

WHERE IS  
MY DAUGHTER,  
MALY?!



I DON'T  
KNOW, SHAO.  
I DID NOT RAID  
THE WUHAN  
SCHOOL.

NO, YOU SENT  
YOUR EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT TO KIDNAP  
HER, WHEN DUTY DEMANDS  
THAT YOU RETURN THIS  
GIRL TO ME AT  
ONCE!



I DON'T NEED  
YOU TO TELL ME  
MY RESPONSIBILITIES.  
I AM WELL AWARE OF MY  
DEBTS TO YOU. HOWEVER,  
IRIS IS NOT UNDER  
MY EMPLOY.



BZZZZZZZZZZT

BZZZZZZZZZZT

WHATEVER  
SHE HAS DONE, SHE  
HAS DONE OF HER  
OWN ACCORD.

I AM NO  
FOOL, MALY. THERE'S  
NO LIE YOU CAN TELL...  
NO SUBTERFUGE THAT I  
WILL NOT SEE THROUGH.  
I'VE KNOWN YOU  
TOO LONG.

THEN YOU  
KNOW THAT  
I WOULD NEVER  
OPENLY DEFY  
YOUR WISHES.

NO. INSTEAD,  
YOU'VE MADE IRIS  
AN UNWITTING PAWN  
IN YOUR GAMES.





"YOU HAVE SENTENCED HER TO DEATH."

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, YOU KNOW.

YOU'RE IRIS. EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT YOU AT SCHOOL. YOU'RE AN AMAZING FIGHTER AND SO SO SO PRETTY. YOU'RE A LEGEND!

I AM NO LEGEND.

WHATEVER'S GOING ON HERE, IT MUST BE SERIOUS IF YOU'RE INVOLVED.

SOOOOOO... WHAT'S GOING ON?

THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN TELL YOU, CHERRY, EXCEPT THAT YOU ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING. SOMETHING DANGEROUS THAT'S NOT YOUR FAULT AND THAT YOU HAVE NO CONTROL OVER.

SOMETHING INVOLVING MY PARENTS?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

NOTHING. BUT YOUR REACTION TELLS ME THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THEM.

I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

YES, YOU DID! NOT IN SO MANY WORDS, BUT YOU DID.

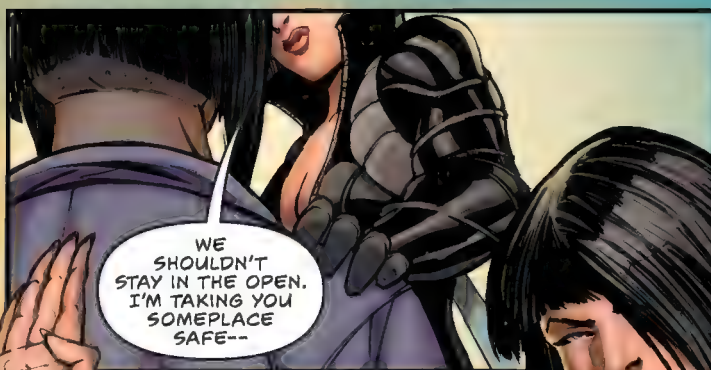
LISTEN, THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN MY HOME SINCE I WAS BORN. I HAVE NO MEMORY OF MY PARENTS. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE?

I DO.

THEN WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME?

ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT WANT TO HURT YOU... AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN.





WE  
SHOULDN'T  
STAY IN THE OPEN.  
I'M TAKING YOU  
SOMEPLACE  
SAFE--

I'M NOT  
GOING ANYWHERE  
UNTIL YOU TELL ME  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON.

PLEASE,  
LITTLE ONE...  
DON'T MAKE ME  
DO THIS THE  
HARD WAY.



DON'T  
CALL ME  
LITTLE!



THE  
HARD WAY,  
THEN.





HAI!!!!!!

YOUR TECHNIQUE IS GOOD.

BUT YOUR EMOTIONS MAKE YOU HASTY, LITTLE ONE.

DID YOU REALLY EXPECT TO DEFEAT A LEGEND WITH THAT?

GET OUT OF THE WATER. IT'S TIME TO GO.

PLAY TIME IS OVER, CHERRY. WE NEED TO--?!

SHIT. WHERE'D SHE GO?

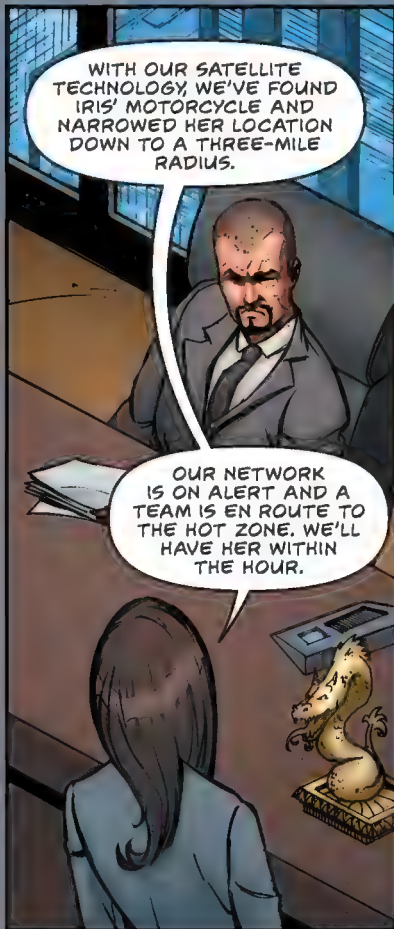
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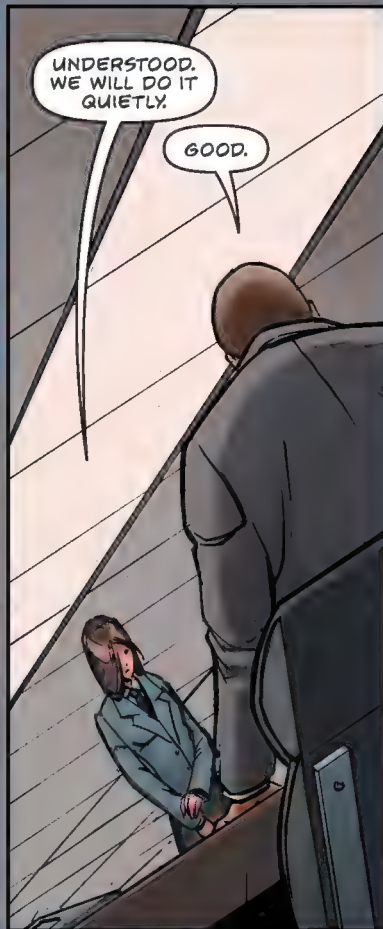


WITH OUR SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY, WE'VE FOUND IRIS' MOTORCYCLE AND NARROWED HER LOCATION DOWN TO A THREE-MILE RADIUS.

OUR NETWORK IS ON ALERT AND A TEAM IS EN ROUTE TO THE HOT ZONE. WE'LL HAVE HER WITHIN THE HOUR.



I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO ME THAT WE FIND THIS GIRL, AND THAT IT IS DONE *QUIETLY* EXPLAINING AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD TO MY WIFE IS AN INCONVENIENCE I DO NOT WANT.



UNDERSTOOD. WE WILL DO IT QUIETLY.

GOOD.



UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN IRIS BRING THE CHILD TO ME. I MUST NOT KNOW THEIR EXACT WHEREABOUTS.

SHAO WILL OVERTURN EVERY STONE IN WUHAN, LOOKING FOR THEM... AND IF YOU CAN'T PROTECT HER, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IRIS CAN?



LONG ENOUGH. WE MUST GET HER OUT OF WUHAN.

CONTACT **SAMNANG** AND TELL HIM I NEED A PACKAGE DELIVERED. I WON'T SPEAK WITH THEM DIRECTLY AND HE IS NOT TO KNOW THE TRUE VALUE OF THE CARGO. THEY CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH IRIS FROM THIS PHONE ONLY.

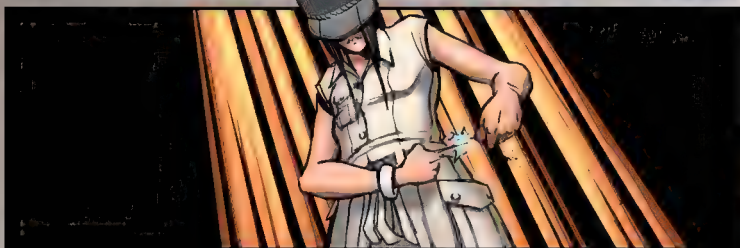
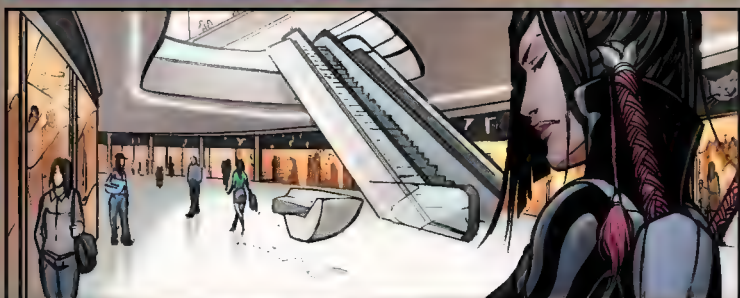
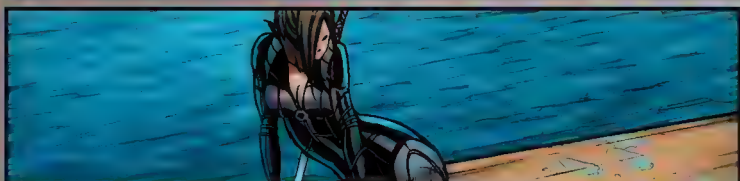
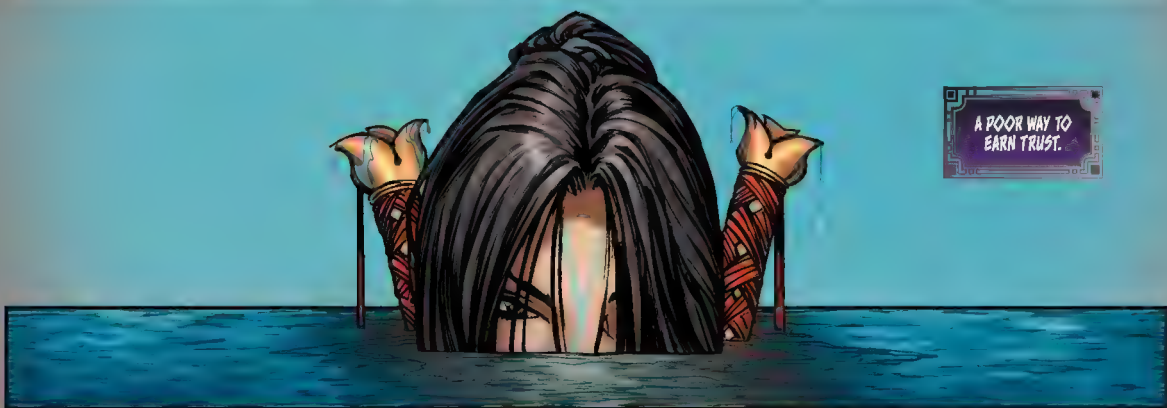
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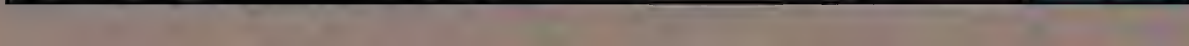
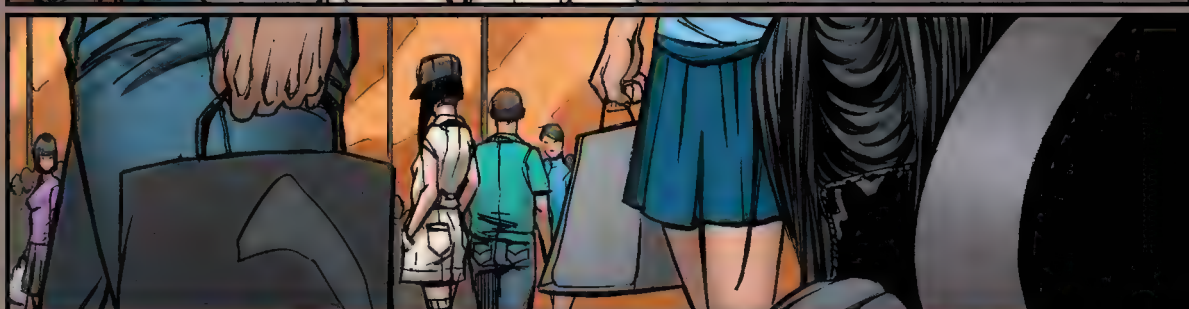
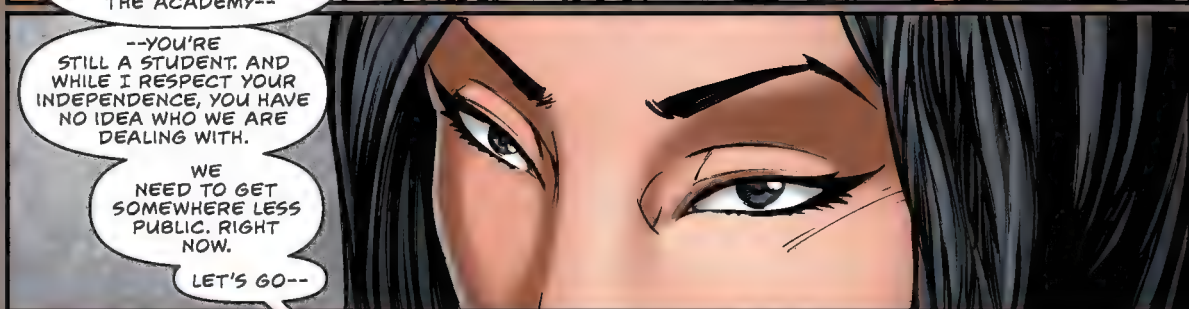
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I TRUST THAT SAMNANG WILL ACCEPT MY GENEROUS COMPENSATION.

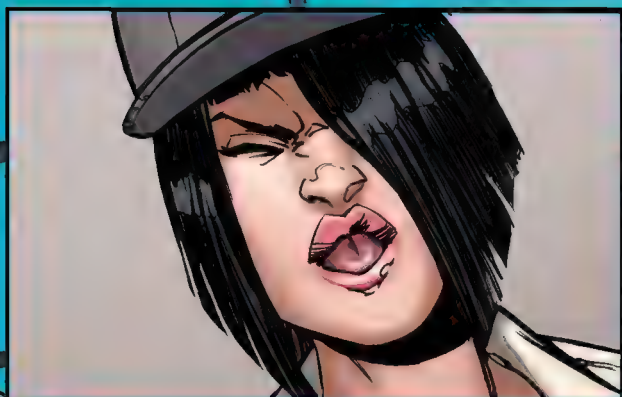












SNAPDRAGON!  
AND  
YOU BROUGHT  
FRIENDS THIS  
TIME.

SMALL  
WORLD,  
IRIS.



I TOLD  
YOU NOT TO  
CALL ME THAT.  
I'M GOING TO  
ENJOY MAKING  
YOU PAY.

I GOT  
THE LATEX  
B\*\*CH. YOU  
FOUR-- GET  
THE GIRL.

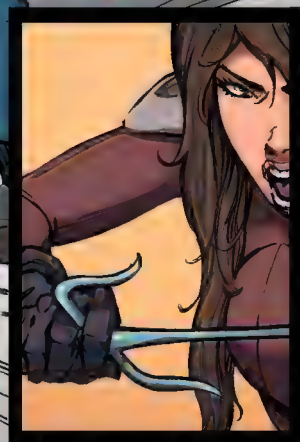
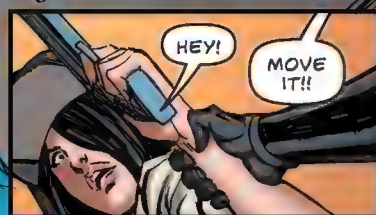
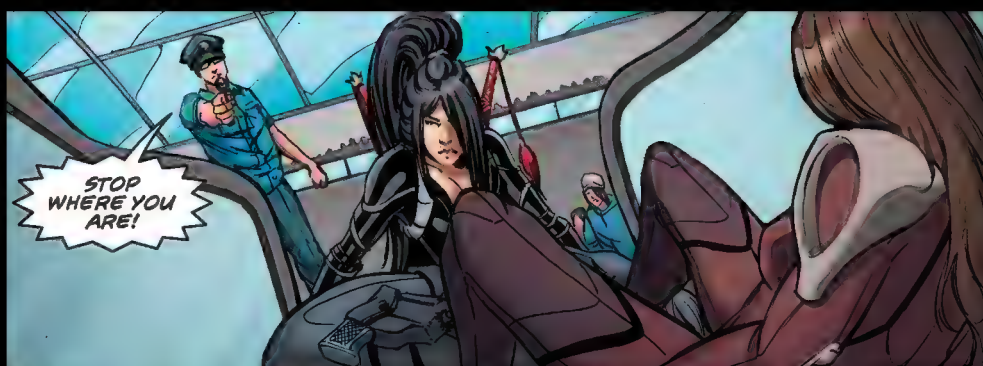




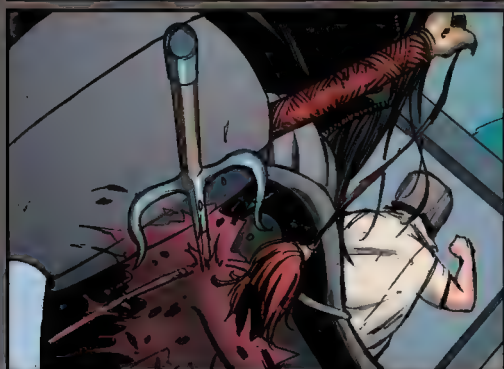




















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DAMN.



"OH. MY. GOD..."





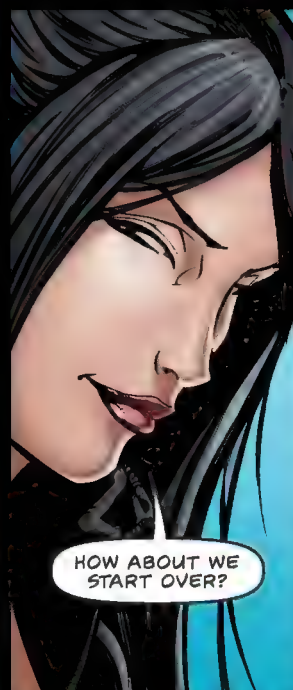
...I KNEW  
YOU WERE GOOD, BUT  
THAT WAS SO INCREDIBLE!  
THE WAY YOU HANDLED  
THEM SO EASILY--

EASILY?

AND HOW YOU  
DOUBLED BACK  
AND TOOK THEIR  
HELICOPTER. ARE  
YOU SERIOUS?!



I KNOW THEY  
WERE TRYING TO  
KILL US AND ALL...  
BUT THAT WAS  
AH-MAZING.



HOW ABOUT WE  
START OVER?



ARE YOU  
GOING TO TELL  
ME ABOUT MY  
PARENTS?

BZZZZZZZZT



NO. I'M  
TAKING YOU  
SOMEPLACE  
SAFE.



115° 41-115° 05' N 29° 58 31' 22'



POUT ALL  
YOU WANT, CHERRY...  
IT IS NOT MY PLACE TO  
TALK ABOUT YOUR PARENTS.  
HOPEFULLY, IN TIME THEY WILL  
TELL YOU... RIGHT NOW IT'S  
BETTER THAT YOU  
DON'T KNOW.

WHATEVER.  
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY  
WANTED ME ANYWAY.  
OR THEY WOULDN'T  
HAVE GIVEN ME TO  
THE SCHOOL.

NOT EVERYTHING IS AS EASY  
AS THAT, CHERRY. SOMETIMES  
CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE--

--YOU CAN  
JUSTIFY IT HOWEVER  
YOU WANT... THEY GAVE  
ME UP. THAT'S ALL  
THAT MATTERS.

STAY HERE.

THIS IS  
THE HAND OFF,  
THEN?

I GUESS  
YOUR JOB IS  
DONE.

MEANING?

NOTHING.

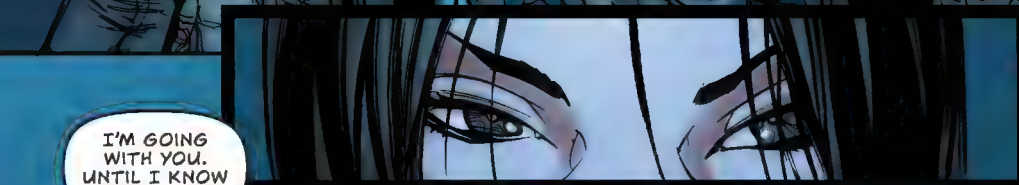




WE'RE  
HERE FOR THE  
PACKAGE.

CAMBODIAN  
TRIAD?

I'LL TAKE IT  
FROM HERE.



I'M GOING  
WITH YOU.  
UNTIL I KNOW  
SHE'S SAFE.



WE DON'T  
WORK THAT  
WAY.


I DO.

WE  
DON'T.



VVVZZZZZZTTTTT





THE BOUNTY  
ON HER SAYS  
DEAD OR ALIVE.  
DEAD IT IS...

SAMNANG!  
PLEASE,  
DON'T!

I APPRECIATE THE  
INITIATIVE IT TOOK FOR  
YOU TO CONTACT US ON SUCH  
SHORT NOTICE. I ALLOWED YOU  
TO COME BECAUSE WE ARE  
GOING TO MAKE A GREAT  
DEAL OF MONEY  
TOGETHER...

...BUT DON'T  
TELL ME WHAT TO  
DO, DRAGON. NOT  
EVER.

IRIS!!!!

I MEANT  
NO DISRESPECT.  
BUT WHEN IRIS DIES,  
I WANT IT TO BE BY MY  
HAND IN SINGLE COMBAT--  
SO EVERYONE WILL KNOW  
THAT I'M THE BEST  
THERE IS.

PLEASE,  
GRANT ME  
THIS GIFT,  
SAMNANG...



"...CONSIDERING  
WHAT I'M ABOUT TO  
DO FOR YOU."



"WE HAVE CHERRY.  
SHE GOES TO THE  
HIGHEST BIDDER. THE  
OPENING BID STARTS  
AT \$50 MILLION."



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CONTINUED...  
ALL NEW EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT: IRIS #4





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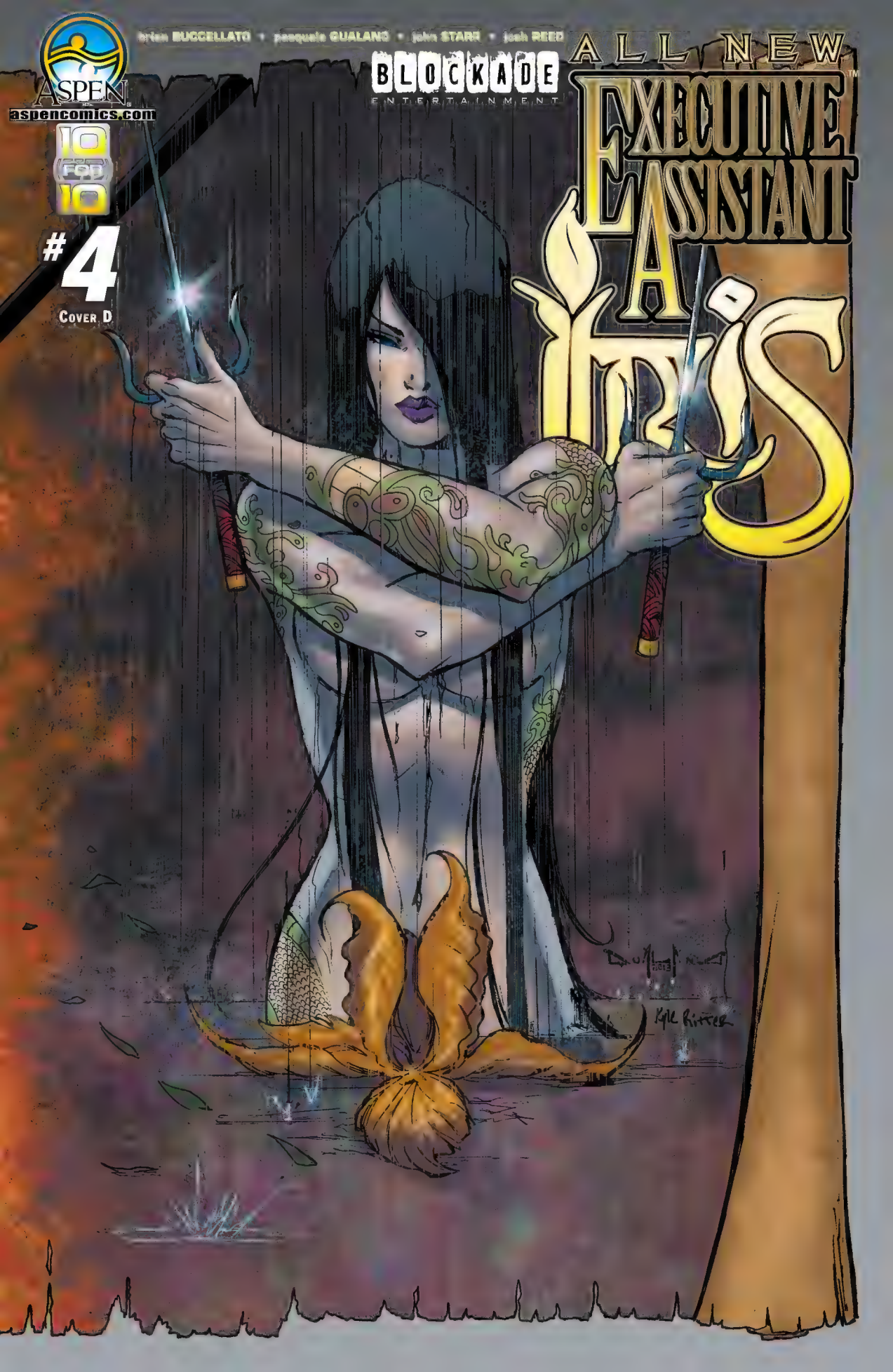
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SHE'S  
WAKING  
UP...

SNAPDRAGON...  
WHERE IS  
CHERRY?

I'D SAY  
YOU HAVE MORE  
IMPORTANT THINGS  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT.

I SEE.  
SO, WHAT IS  
THIS... YOU WANT  
A SHOT AT THE  
TITLE?

FOR AN  
ASIAN, YOU KNOW  
A LOT OF WESTERN  
EXPRESSIONS.

ENOUGH  
WITH THE CLEVER  
QUIPS... GET ON  
WITH IT.

HELLO  
TO YOU,  
TOO.

THIS IS  
GOING TO BE  
GOOD.



I'M AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BY TRADE. I MET SNAPDRAGON A WEEK AGO AT A JOB INTERVIEW. AFTER AN UNORTHODOX INTERVIEW PROCESS, I GOT THE CONTRACT.

IT SEEMS SHE TOOK THE SLIGHT PERSONALLY.

SHE ALSO MUST HAVE BEEN IN LEAGUE WITH THE CAMBODIAN TRIAD, WHO BETRAYED ME WHILE I WAS TRYING TO PROTECT THE LIFE OF A YOUNG EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT STUDENT NAMED CHERRY.

SHE COULD'VE KILLED ME WHILE MY BACK WAS TURNED.

INSTEAD, SHE BROUGHT ME HERE WITH THE INTENT OF DOING IT IN SINGLE COMBAT... IN FRONT OF OUR PEERS.

SHE MAY BE A DUPLICIOUS BITCH...

...BUT AT LEAST SHE'S OFFERING AN HONORABLE WARRIOR'S DEATH.



NOT FOR MYSELF...  
FOR HER.





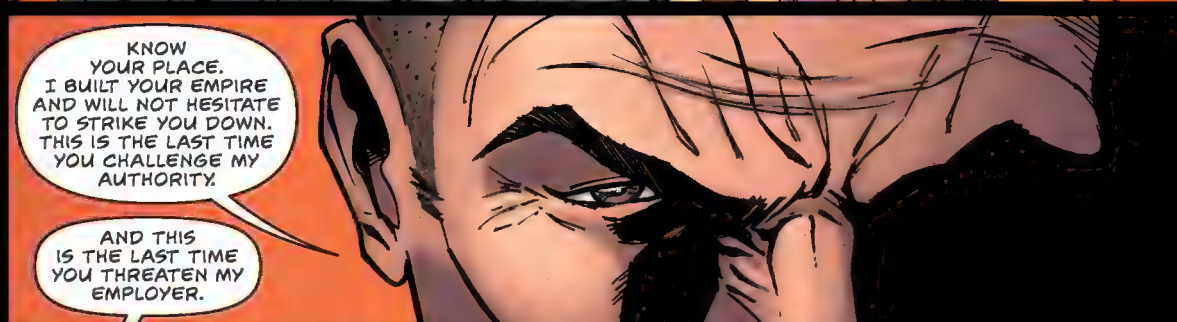
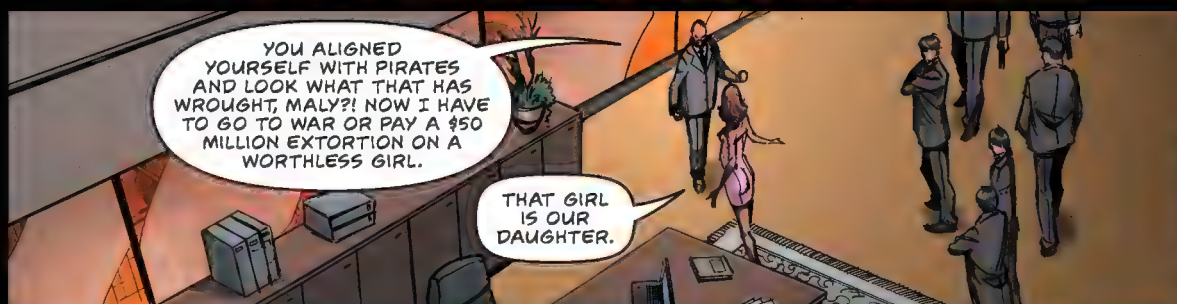


ANYONE  
ELSE?

I DIDN'T  
THINK SO.

\$HIT.  
THAT WAS MY  
SWORD.









THIS IS THE SECOND TIME WE MEET IN A STANDOFF. THERE WON'T BE A THIRD.

WE AGREE ON THAT POINT, MISTER SHAO.

IRIS!  
IRIS, PLEASE...

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OUTBID ME FOR THE GIRL, MALY.

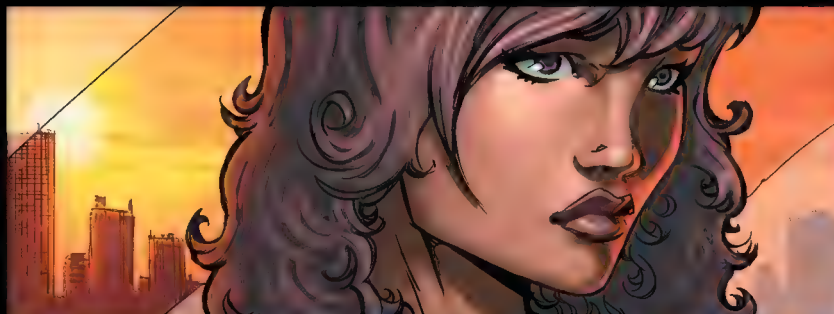
SHAO'S GOING TO KILL HER. WE CAN'T LET HIM USE HIS WEALTH TO GET TO HER.

I'M HONOR BOUND--

--YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HONOR IS!

I DON'T CARE IF HE WAS YOUR FIRST OR ONLY LOVE... WHY DO YOU SUBMIT TO HIM? WHAT IS HIS HOLD ON YOU?





HONOR  
IS NOTHING  
WITHOUT SOMEONE  
WORTH HONORING. YOU  
HAVE A DAUGHTER... HER  
ADULTEROUS FATHER  
IS NOT WORTH  
CHERRY'S  
LIFE.

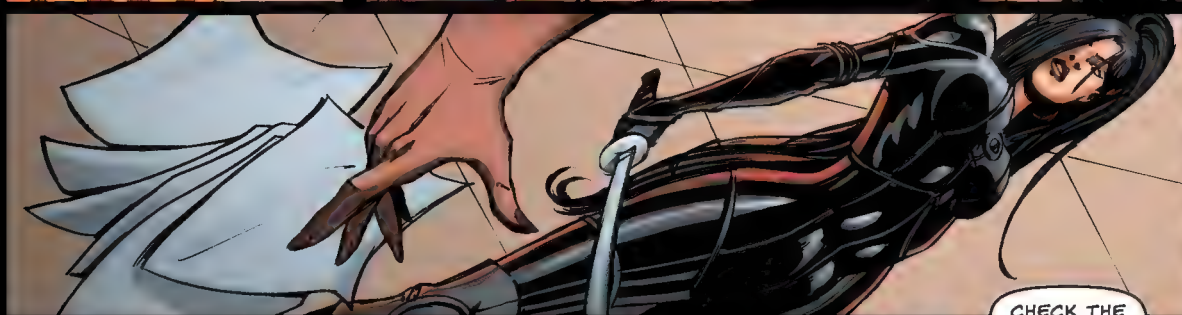
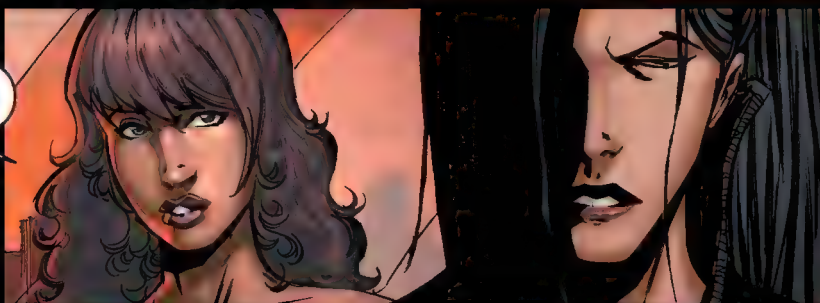
AND  
YOU ARE  
NOT WORTH MY  
TIME. AT ANY  
PRICE. I  
QUIT.



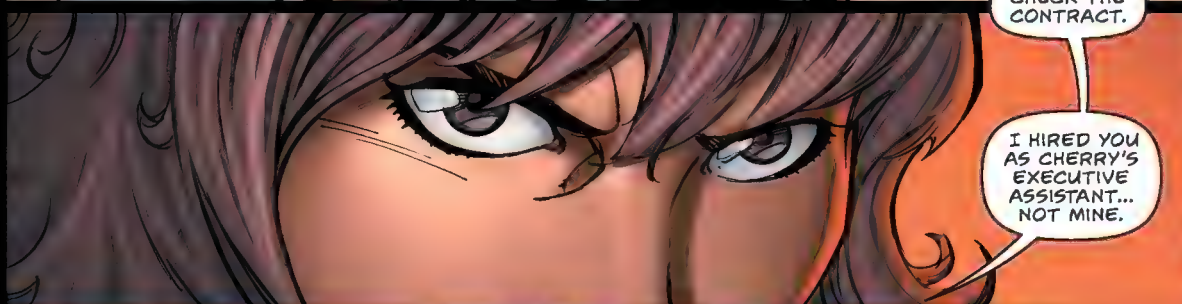
CHERRY'S  
BLOOD IS  
ON YOUR  
HANDS.



WAIT. YOU  
DON'T WORK  
FOR ME.



CHECK THE  
CONTRACT.



I HIRED YOU  
AS CHERRY'S  
EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT...  
NOT MINE.



WHAT  
DOES YOUR  
HONOR TELL  
YOU, NOW?



PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA.

MALY IS HIDING SOMETHING.  
HER LOYALTY TO SHAO SHOULD NOT BE  
STRONGER THAN BLOOD. HER CODE OF HONOR,  
WHILE INTACT, DOESN'T PUT HER ABOVE  
MANIPULATION AND DECEIT.

MALY PLANNED FOR  
THIS ALL ALONG. KNOWING MY OWN  
CODE OF ETHICS WON'T ALLOW ME  
TO TURN MY BACK ON CHERRY.

I'VE BEEN  
PLAYED FOR A  
FOOL.

IT'S FINE. AFTER I  
EXTRACT CHERRY FROM  
THIS NONSENSE...

...MALY WILL GET  
HER RECKONING.





THIS IS A REVOLTING  
METHOD OF INFILTRATION.  
HOWEVER, SINCE I DON'T KNOW  
HOW MANY I'M FACING OR  
WHERE CHERRY IS...



...IT WILL HAVE TO DO.

BECAUSE OF MALY'S  
PREVIOUS AFFILIATIONS WITH THIS  
CAMBODIAN CRIMINAL OUTFIT, I WAS  
ABLE TO GET SOME INTELLIGENCE  
THAT SHOULD PROVE USEFUL.

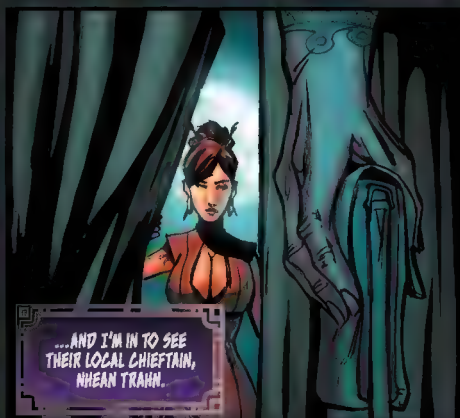


THEY'RE MORE  
DISORGANIZED AND  
RECKLESS THAN SOME  
OF THE OTHER ASIAN  
TRIADS...



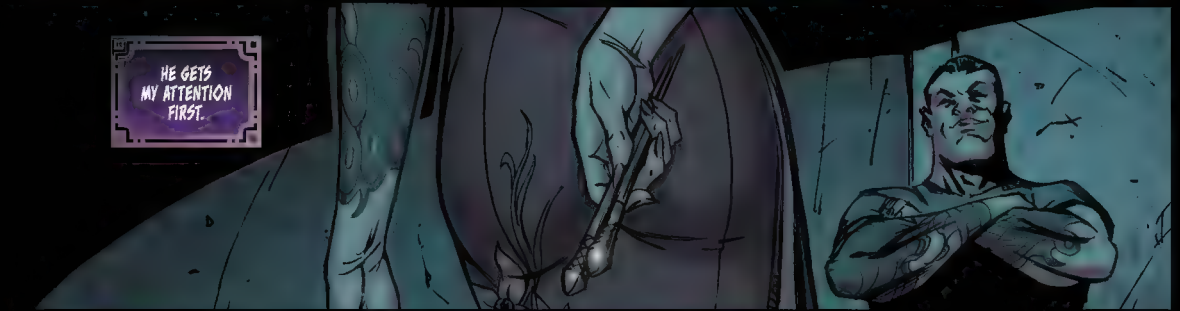
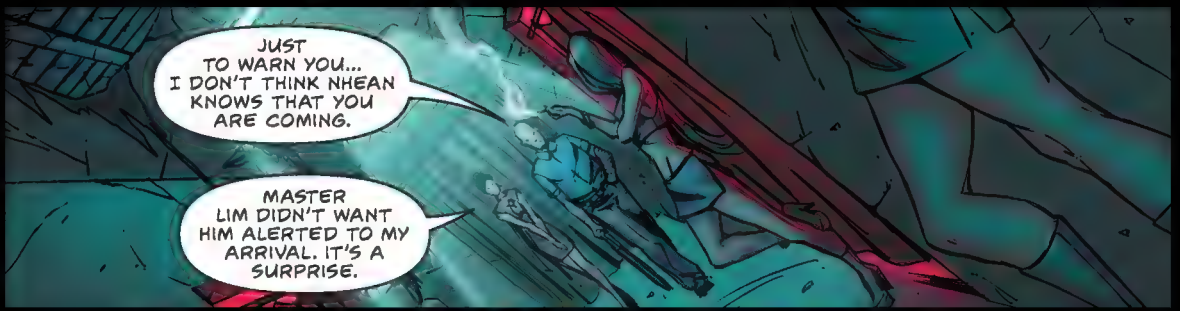
...SO IT SHOULDN'T TAKE MUCH TO  
CONVINCE THESE LOW LEVEL THUGS.

I DROP THE NAME OF A HIGH-RANKING  
MEMBER, OFFER A SEDUCTIVE SMILE...

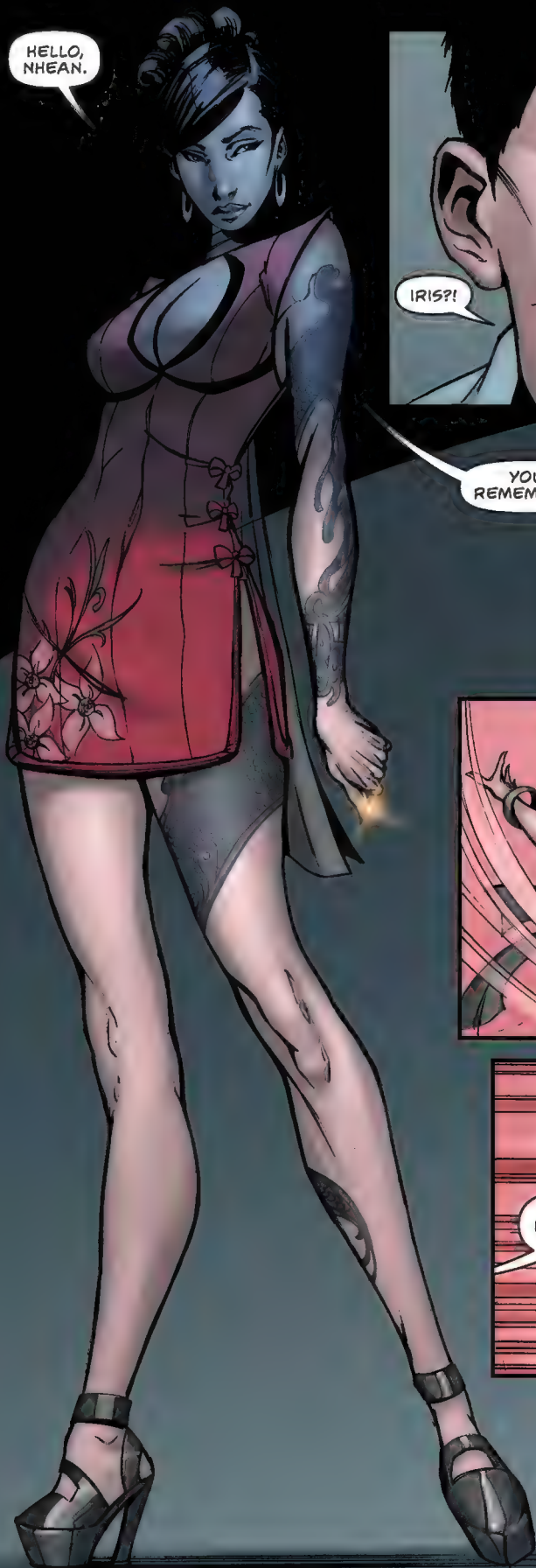


...AND I'M IN TO SEE  
THEIR LOCAL CHIEFTAIN,  
NHEAN TRAHN.









HELLO,  
NHEAN.



IRIS?!

YOU  
REMEMBER.



THUK

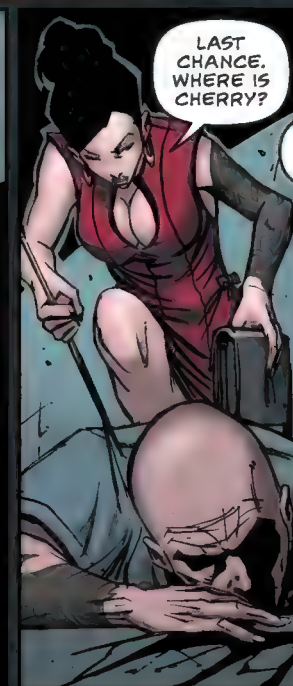
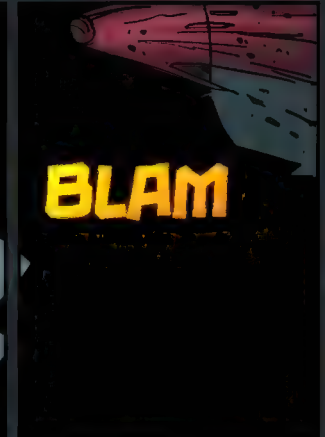


AHHHH!

I'LL BE  
RIGHT WITH  
YOU...

THK

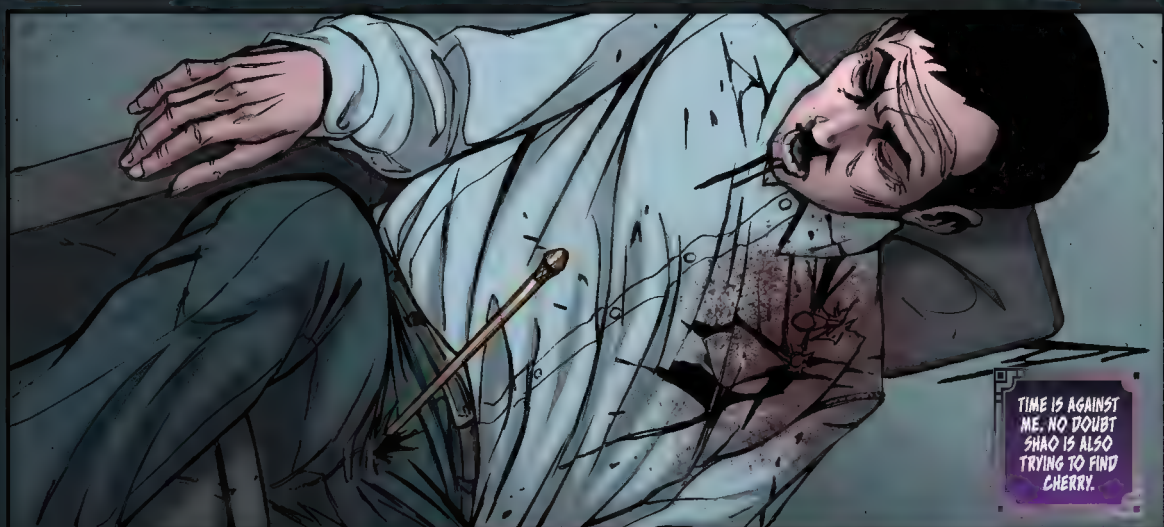




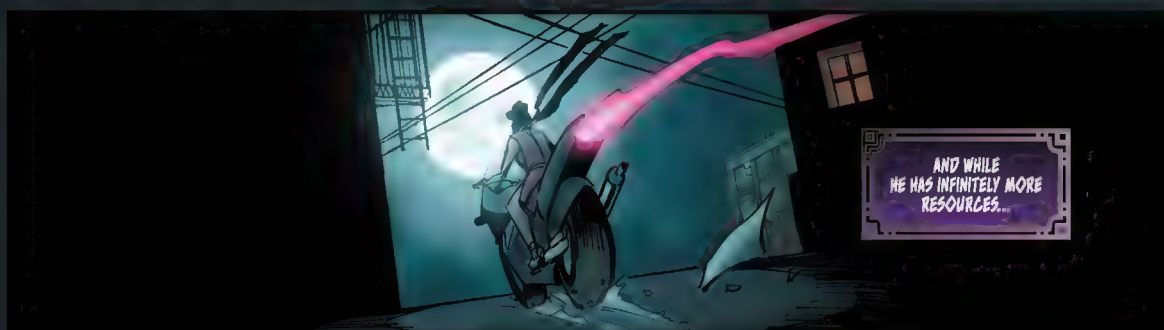




"SAKNGEA...  
HIS NAME IS,  
SAKNGEA."



TIME IS AGAINST  
ME. NO DOUBT  
SHAO IS ALSO  
TRYING TO FIND  
CHERRY.



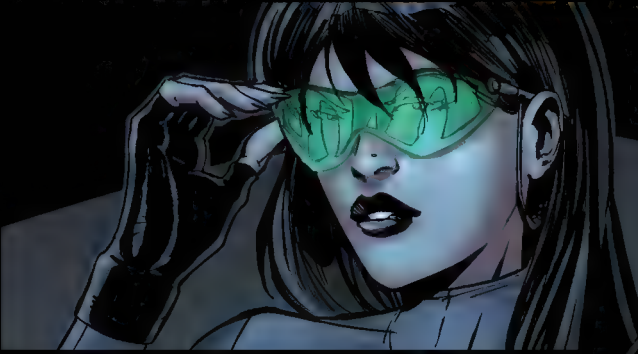
AND WHILE  
HE HAS INFINITELY MORE  
RESOURCES...





...I'M HIGHLY MOTIVATED.

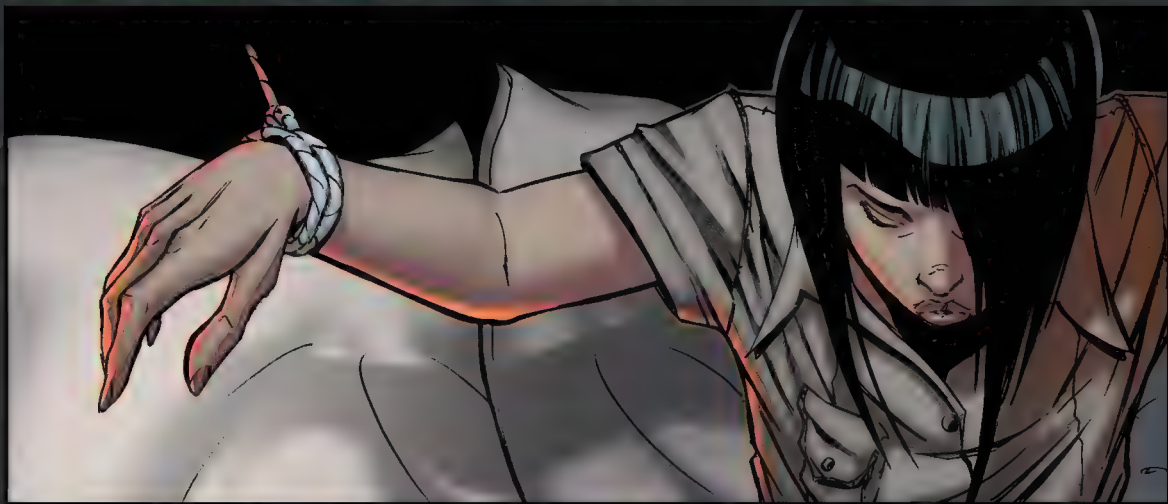




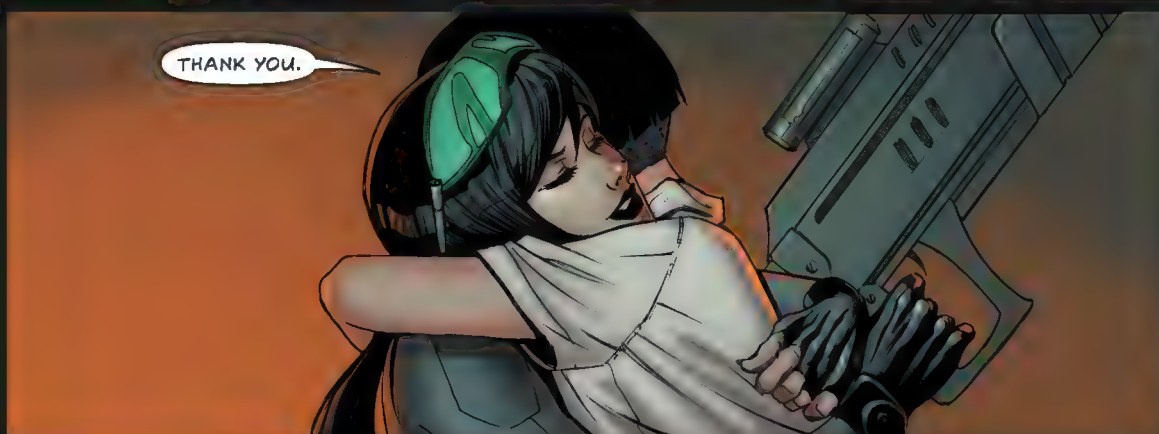
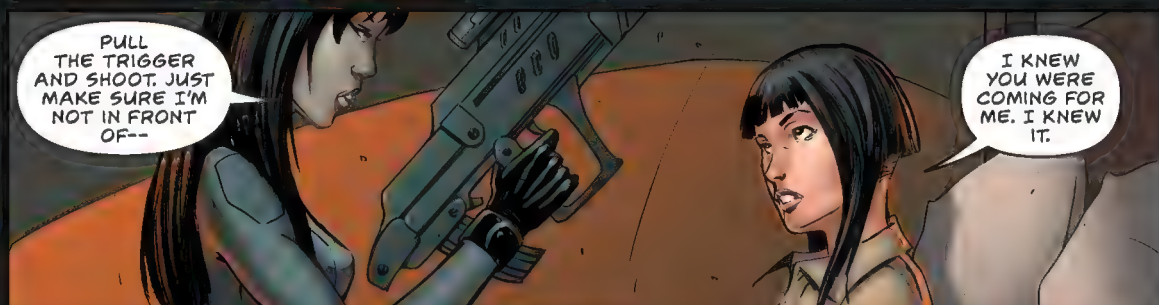
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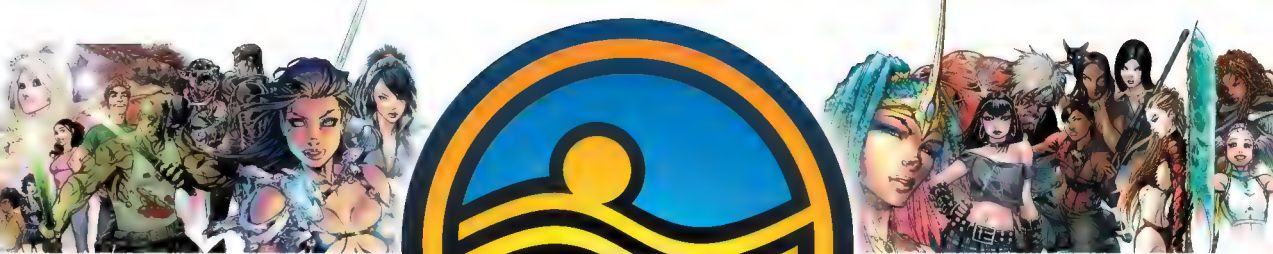
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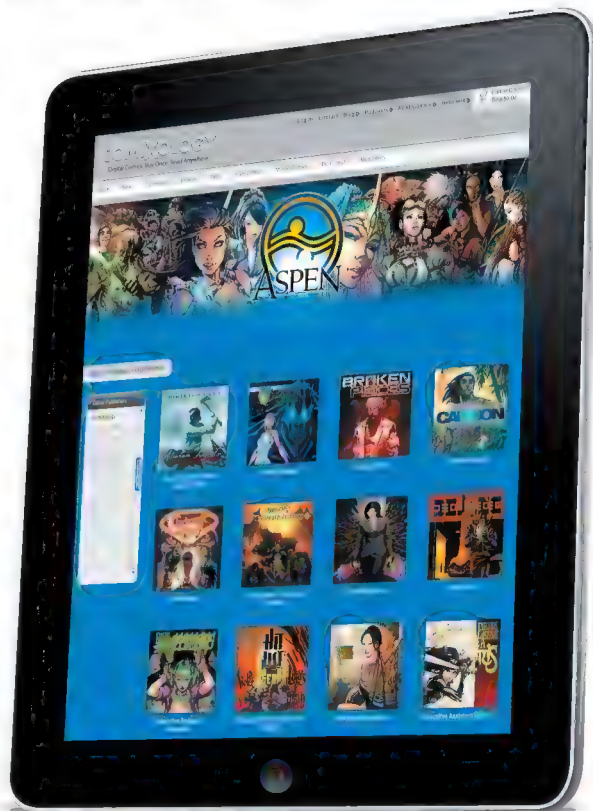


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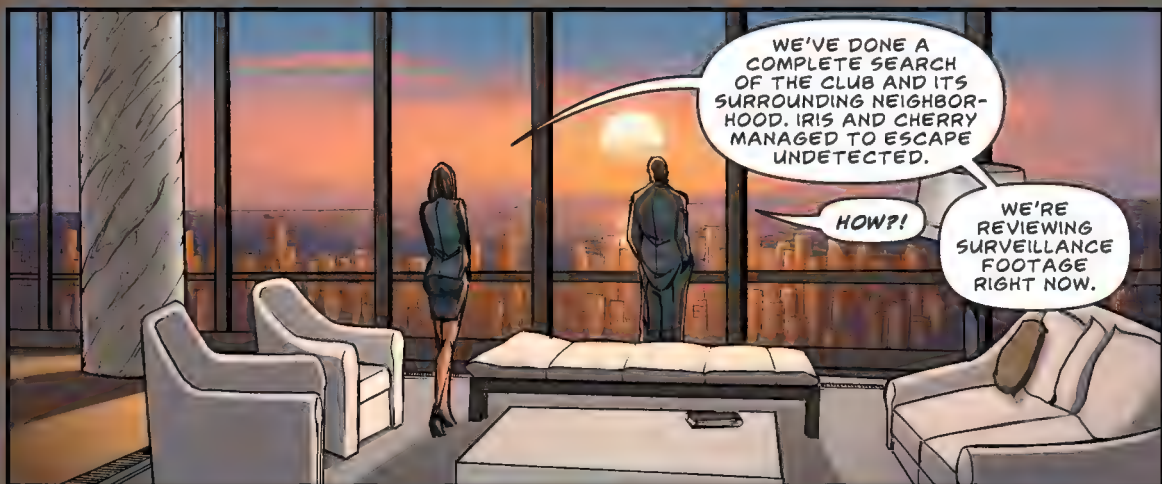
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WE'VE DONE A COMPLETE SEARCH OF THE CLUB AND ITS SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD. IRIS AND CHERRY MANAGED TO ESCAPE UNDETECTED.

HOW?!

WE'RE REVIEWING SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE RIGHT NOW.



DON'T BOTHER. IT WAS MALY AND HER ASSISTANT. EVERY STEP OF THE WAY IT'S BEEN THEM.



BUT I'M DONE PLAYING THESE GAMES! TEAR IT ALL DOWN.

EVERYTHING, MISTER SHAO?

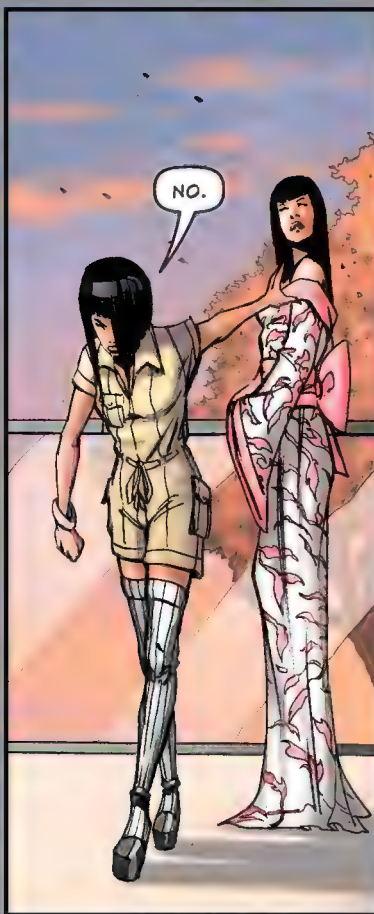
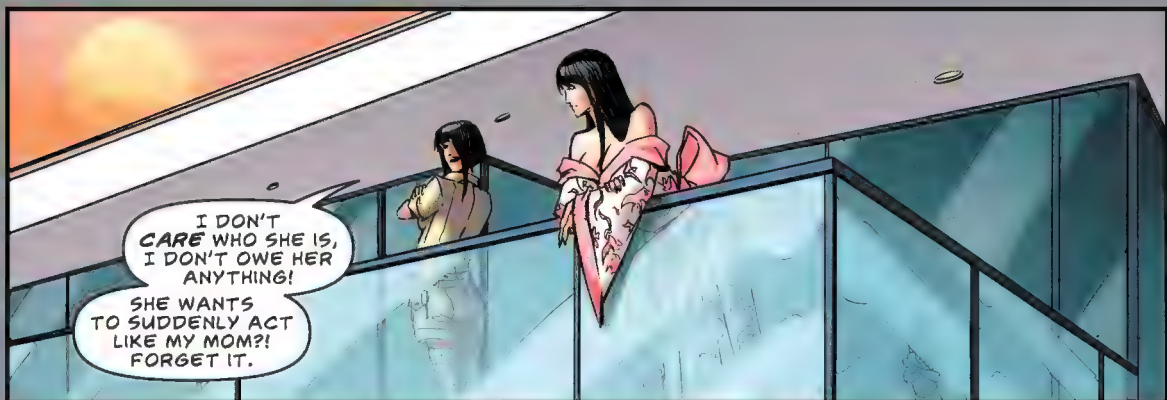


ALL OF IT. SEIZE MALY ANG'S ASSETS... PURCHASE CONTROLLING INTERESTS IN ALL HER HOLDINGS. BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY I WANT HER RUINED.

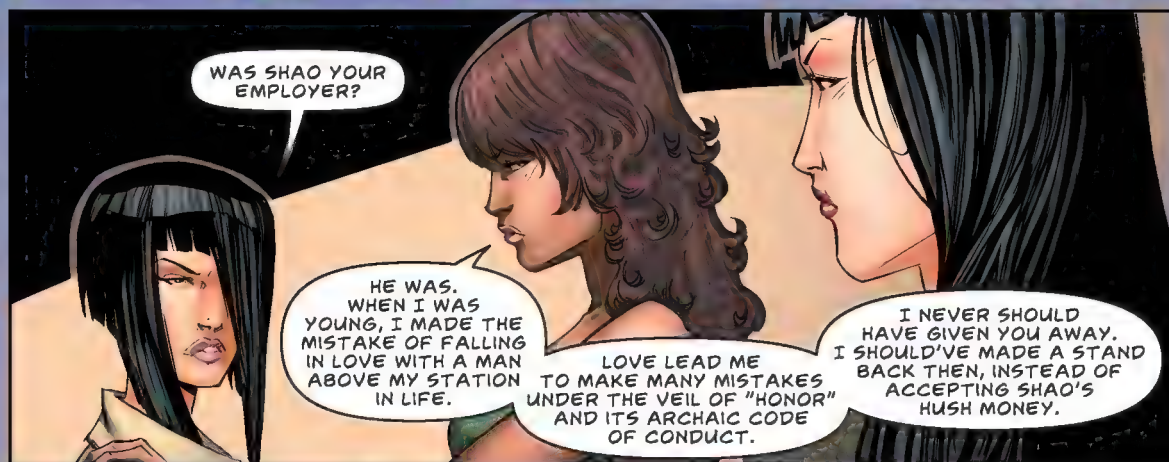


AND HER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT SCHOOL... KILL EVERYONE AND BURN IT TO THE GROUND.







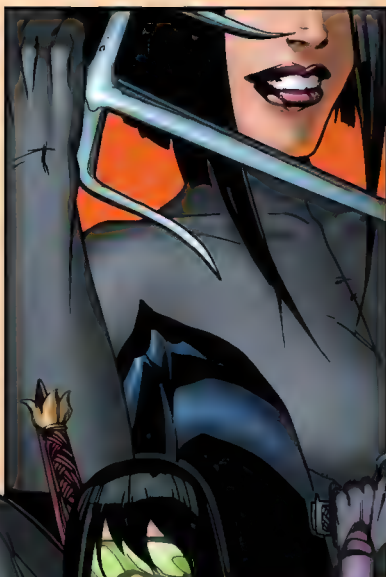






WE'VE  
GOT WORK  
TO DO.

CHK-  
CHK



ARE WE  
READY?

HELL,  
YEAH.



THE WUHAN ACADEMY.









DOWNTOWN BEIJING.



ARE YOU  
SURE YOU  
WANT TO BE  
A PART OF  
THIS?



I WILL  
TAKE THAT AS  
A "YES."

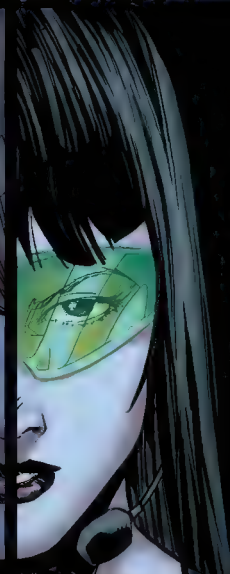


IRIS...WE'RE  
READY.

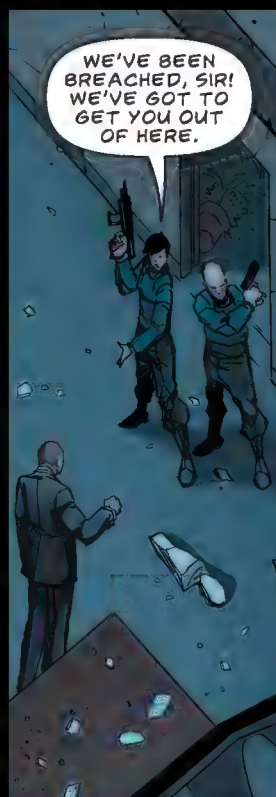


COPY  
THAT.

"WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING?!"





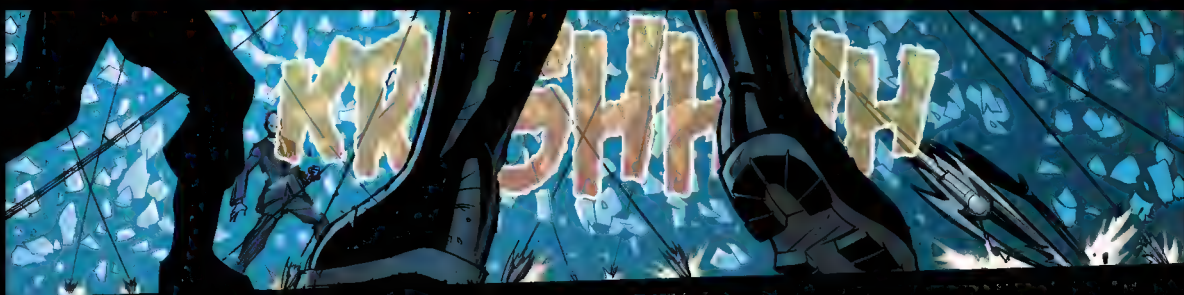




TEAM ONE,  
YOU'RE UP... TEAM  
TWO, STAND BY IN  
POSITION AND  
WAIT FOR ME.



LET'S  
GO!



YOU  
WANT ME TO  
RUN?!



SIR! WE'VE  
GOT TO GET YOU TO A  
SECURE LOCATION...





TATTATTATTATTATTATTATTAT



TATTATTATTATTATTATTATTAT



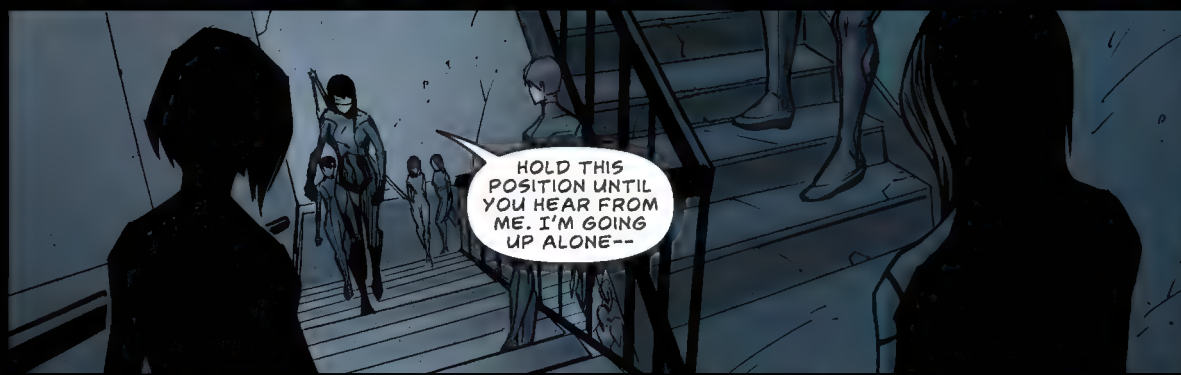


OKAY,  
TEAM TWO...  
WE'VE FLUSHED  
SHAO OUT.



WE'RE  
READY TO  
GO, TEACHER  
IRIS.

NO.  
CHANGE OF  
PLANS.



HOLD THIS  
POSITION UNTIL  
YOU HEAR FROM  
ME. I'M GOING  
UP ALONE--



WAIT.  
WHERE'S  
CHERRY?

WHERE'S  
CHERRY?!



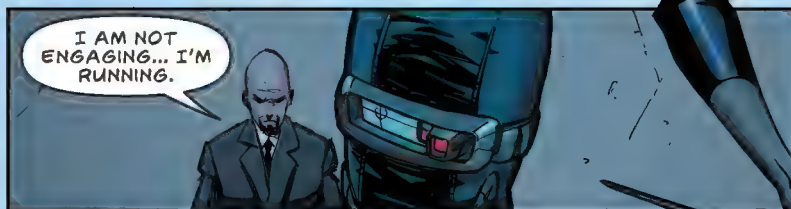
NOBODY  
COMES UP THESE  
STAIRS!





WHY ARE WE RUNNING?!

WE ARE ENGAGING THEM RIGHT NOW AND REINFORCEMENTS ARE MINUTES AWAY. WE AREN'T RUNNING, SIR.



I AM NOT ENGAGING... I'M RUNNING.

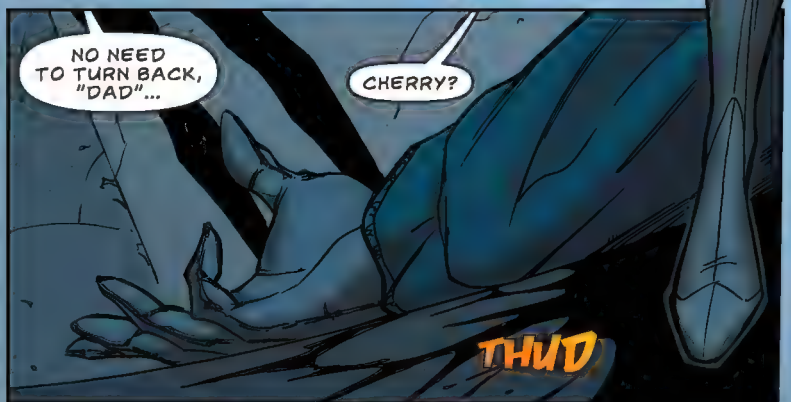


PLEASE, MISTER SHAO... WE MUST--

--THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! I'M GOING BACK...



THK



NO NEED TO TURN BACK, "DAD"...

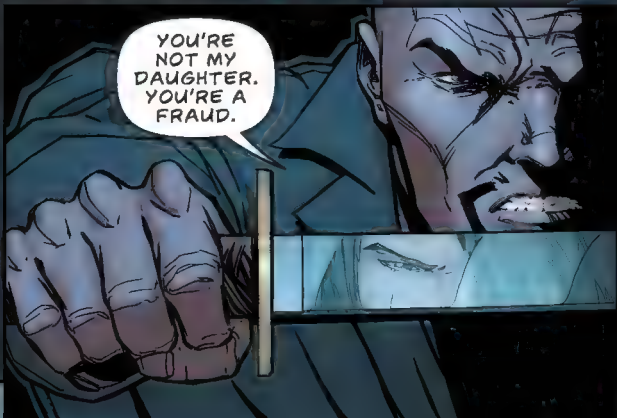
CHERRY?

THUD

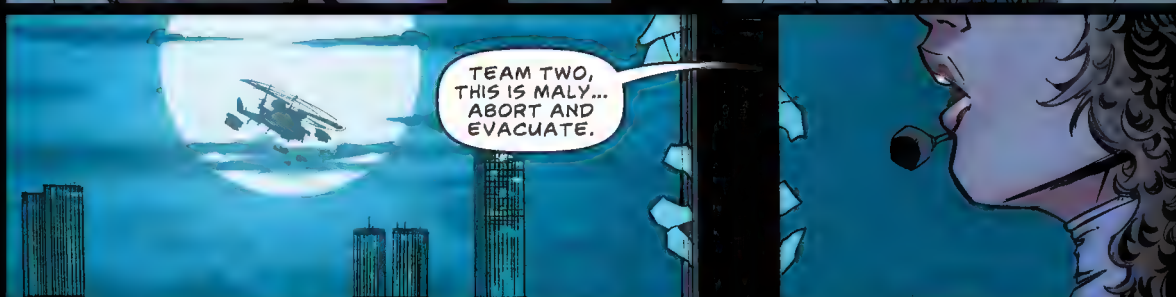


I DIDN'T ASK TO BE YOUR DAUGHTER... AND I NEVER WANTED TO BE PART OF YOUR LIFE.









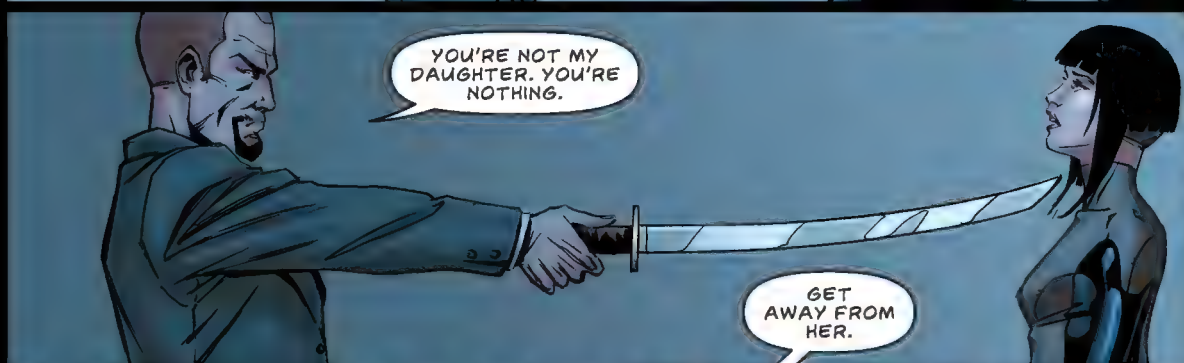




YOU HAVE  
SOME SKILL,  
GIRL. BUT YOU  
ARE NOT MY  
KIN.



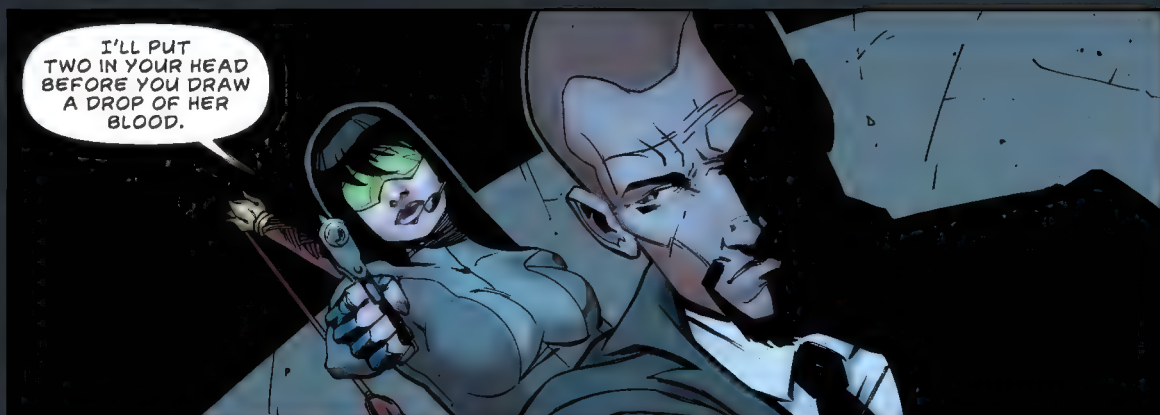
YOU'RE TOO  
RECKLESS.



YOU'RE NOT MY  
DAUGHTER. YOU'RE  
NOTHING.

GET  
AWAY FROM  
HER.





I'LL PUT  
TWO IN YOUR HEAD  
BEFORE YOU DRAW  
A DROP OF HER  
BLOOD.



TEAM TWO...  
IT'S OVER.  
EVACUATE THE  
TOWER AT ONCE  
AND MEET AT THE  
RENDEZVOUS  
POINT.

ENJOY YOUR LITTLE  
VICTORY, IRIS. BECAUSE  
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME,  
YOU WILL **ALL** DIE. EVERY LAST  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT...  
INCLUDING HER.



LET'S  
SETTLE THIS  
ONCE AND FOR  
ALL. RIGHT  
NOW.



THE NEXT  
FLOOR UP IS  
BEING REMODELED.  
WIDE OPEN SPACE...  
BEAUTIFUL  
VIEW...  
...THE PERFECT  
PLACE TO END YOUR  
MISERABLE LIFE.

LEAD  
THE WAY.

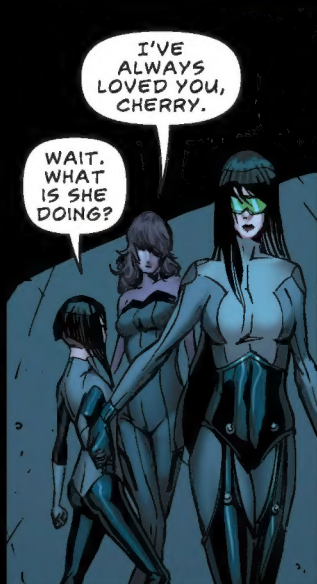
















IS THAT  
IT? IT'S  
OVER?



NOW IT'S  
OVER.



I'M SORRY  
FOR YOUR LOSS,  
CHERRY.



NOW  
WHAT?

WHATEVER  
YOU WANT.  
I'M HERE  
FOR YOU.



IRIS... DID  
WE HAVE TO  
BLOW UP THE  
SCHOOL?

PROBABLY  
NOT.

DIDN'T  
THINK SO...

THE END.  
THANK YOU FOR READING  
ALL NEW EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT: IRIS  
IRIS WILL BE BACK!





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